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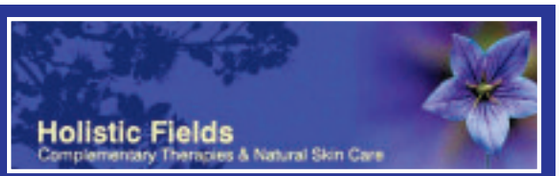


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# A10 speed limit cut hits hold-up

CONTENTIOUS plans to cut the speed limit of the A10 between Ely and Cambridge have been put off.

Members of Cambridgeshire County Council's enterprise, growth and community infrastructure scrutiny committee were set to make a recommendation to cabinet to allow the speed limit to be reduced from 60mph to 50mph.

But discussions proved to be "inconclusive" and the decision to put the proposals to the authority's cabinet have now been delayed for "further conversations".

Earlier this year, the council's highways bosses announced they wanted to reduce the speed limit of the route between Ely and Cambridge.

Steve Criswell, cabinet member for community infrastructure, says there have been almost 100 accidents which caused injuries on that stretch in the last three years.

He says speed tests show that traffic travels at an average of 50mph in areas which currently have a 60mph limit and that reducing the speed limit will reduce congestion and accidents.

However, the proposals have been criticised by many residents and community leaders, including county and district councillor Bill Hunt, who

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says reducing the limit would be a "recipe for disaster".

He said: "Lowering the speed limit will annoy drivers, cause frustration, waste money and since the police would be unlikely to enforce the lower limit, will be ignored by many.

"The road would become a racetrack with 80 per cent observing the limit and 20 per cent ignoring it. It's a recipe for disaster and an increase in accidents."

Cllr Hunt believes the only part of the stretch which should be 50mph is the junction area in Little Thetford.

Cllr Peter Johnson, who represents Waterbeach on South Cambridgeshire District Council, says cutting the limit for the full 12 miles was over the top.

He said: "I think it should be the stretch from Milton to Denny End traffic lights, beyond that I can't see any reason for it not being up to 60mph."

A council spokesman said further discussions were expected to take place in the coming days.

He said: "The scrutiny committee discussions were inconclusive at this stage and further conversations will need to take place between the cabinet member and highways officers before any recommendations are made."

A public consultation will be launched before any changes to the speed limit are made.

## Santa drops in for festive fun

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Nice to meet you: Kayleigh Wadsworth, 12, is greeted by Santa at Holistic Fields during a late-night shopping event in High Street passage.

Picture: Richard Patterson 788620.

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# Plans lodged for 96 homes and play area

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MAJOR plans to build almost 100 new homes in Soham have been submitted.

In September, massive property developer Hopkins Homes Ltd was granted outline planning permission by East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) to build 96 homes on land north west of Regal Drive, off Fordham Road.

Now the company has submitted its formal planning application.

Chris Smith, Hopkins Homes' development planner, said the mixed housing development is something residents should be excited about.

He said: "The proposed development is fully representative of the quality and content of developments which are encouraged by the modern planning system.

"An opportunity has been taken to provide a development which responds well to the specific circumstances of the locality, representing an excellent response to a relatively constrained, vacant, unused site, which maximises the positive aspects of the site's location, fully integrating and actively enhancing the character and appearance of the surroundings in which it would sit."

If approved, 30 per cent of the 96 homes will be "affordable" and all of the properties will boast eco-friendly features.

There will also be a large area of public open space and a children's play area, of about 8,000sq m, which would be open to all residents.

Hopkins intends to construct a new road access into the site from Fordham Road – something which some residents have said will increase congestion on the notoriously busy highyway.

But Mr Smith insists the access will "minimise" congestion.

He said: "The site is well located in relation to existing services and facilities, in a highly sustainable location, adjacent to the main route into the town centre from the south east.

"Both vehicular and pedestrian access to the site is intended to be gained via the new entrance point from Fordham Road.

"This will minimise vehicle and pedestrian conflict and meet with the necessary highway safety standards."

ECDC is expected to make a decision on the scheme within the next two months.

Mr Smith said that if approved, work on the development would start in the spring.

Match: Josh and Felicity Burns with members of Littleport Leisure Anglers, above, who took part in a fishing match in memory of Jim Burns, right. CP

# Anglers cast rods in memory of pal Jim

**ANGLERS cast their rods in memory of a father-of-two who was killed in a tragic road accident.**

**A total of 11 members of the Littleport Leisure Angling Group took part in a fishing match in memory of 43-year-old Jim Burns.**

**Mr Burns, who was described by his family and friends as an "amazing man", suffered fatal injuries after he was hit by three vehicles on the A142 Witchford Road in Ely in October.**

**Mr Burns, who lived in Witchford with his wife, Felicity and two young children, Joshua and Ellie, was a keen rugby player, badminton player, footballer and angler, and joined the Littleport Leisure group earlier this year.**

**Fellow members Alec Scot and Paul Firman decided to organise the memorial match, which raised £230.**

**A spokesman for the group said: "Despite Jim only joining the group earlier this year, his personality and popularity knew no bounds.**

**"Fraser Gilbert donated free use of his match lake in Little Downham and local companies and club members donated a large range of prizes, so every angler went home with a prize.**

**"The match was won by Mr Gilbert, with just over 11lbs, with runner-up Tony Sindall and Alec Scott in third place.**

**"After the match Jim's son, Josh, and his widow, Felicity, awarded the prizes and accepted £230 from Paul Firman.**

**"Felicity stated that the money was going towards a memorial tree and bench which they hoped would be put in a public space in Witchford."**


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# MEP urges councils to back Remploy workers

AN MP is urging East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) to help prevent the closure of specialist factories staffed by disabled people.

Cambridgeshire Euro MP Richard Howitt has recently helped pilot new rules through the European Parliament which allow councils to buy directly from the disability employment service Remploy.

Through the scheme, councils can buy from organisations where more than 50 per cent of the workforce has a disability without a competitive tender.

But ECDC is currently one of five of Cambridgeshire's councils which are not exploiting the new rules.

With more than 4,000 disabled people working in 54 factories across the country being threatened with redundancy from next year because of national spending cuts, Mr Howitt is urging ECDC and other councils to use Remploy.

He said: "Remploy gives a genuine opportunity to work for people with disabilities and its closure would be a body blow to them and their lives.

"I call on all our local councils to look again at their spending and make every effort to support Remploy and keep their factories open and viable. If councils don't use Remploy, we will lose it."

Andrew Killington, deputy chief executive at ECDC, said: "We currently use a company called ESPO which gathers together a range of suppliers and products for local authorities to get the best value for money for the council taxpayer.

"We are happy to say that Remploy are one of the suppliers which are on the list so we would be able to use them should the opportunity arise."

# Traditional Dickensian celebrations

TRADITIONAL festive celebrations are being held at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey on Saturday.

Families are invited to a 'Dickensian Christmas' event from noon-5pm.

A host of traditional children's activities are being organised, while there will be Christmas-themed re-enactors and carols by candlelight at 4pm.

Entry is £5.50 for adults, £4.50 for concessions and £3.50 for children. Phone (01223) 860988.

## Travellers' skills set to be showcased

TRAVELLERS and gipsies will demonstrate their skills at a Christmas craft day.

The event is being held at Soham Children's Centre in Pratt Street, on Saturday.

Visitors will be invited to use Romany skills to make their own Christmas decorations, including wagon art, paper flowers, Romany wreaths and candle arrangements.

Organisers will take Romany caravans to the event for visitors to see, while a local traveller will be giving talks about the Romany lifestyle and its crafts.

The event is free and will run from 10am-2pm.

## Chance to meet Santa at reserve

CHILDREN will be able to meet Father Christmas at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve this weekend.

Santa will be at the reserve on Saturday and Sunday as well as the following weekend.

Sessions are being held at 10.30am, 11.15am, 1pm, 1.45pm and 2.30pm.

Tickets are £6.75, which includes a present. For tickets or more information, phone (01353) 720274.

## Festive fun and whist drive for Lions Club

LITTLEPORT Lions Club is holding its Tea with Santa on Sunday.

Families are being invited to the festive event at Littleport Leisure Centre.

On Monday, December 12, the centre is also holding a whist drive.

Phone (01353) 860600 for more.

## Car in ditch after accident

A CAR ended up in a ditch on Saturday night after leaving a road near Ely.

At 9.40pm, two crews from Ely and a rescue vehicle from Cambridge were called to a road traffic accident involving one vehicle on Lynn Road in Chettisham.

Firefighters used specialist cutting equipment to release one male casualty and returned to their stations by 11.10pm.

## Tea dance with Stuart

DANCE the afternoon away in Witchford on Sunday.

Stuart Burr is hosting his regular tea dance at the village hall, in Bedwell Heys Lane, from 2pm-5pm.

Admission is £3, which includes refreshments.

## It's time for RBL bingo

THE Soham branch of the Royal British Legion is holding its annual Christmas bingo and prize draw tomorrow.

The event will be held at the town's Comrades Club, in Market Street.

Doors open at 7pm and all are welcome.

## Event to boost air ambulance

A CHRISTMAS bingo is being held in Stretham on Saturday.

The Stretham Feast Committee has organised the event to be held at the village's parish rooms at 7.30pm.

All proceeds will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

## Festive brass band concert

LITTLEPORT Brass Band is performing a festive concert in the village on Sunday.

The concert will be held at the village hall from 2pm-4pm.

Refreshments and mince pies will be served, while there will be a raffle.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £2 for under-16s, and are available on the door.

## Crew called to digger fire

A DIGGER caught fire accidentally in Stretham on Monday.

Firefighters from Ely were called to the blaze which broke out in a teleporter on Redhill Farm, Cambridge Road, at 10.50am.

The cause was an electrical fault.

# Council defends last-minute changes to parking charge proposals

A COUNCIL chief has apologised for any "confusion" after last-minute changes were made to a set of parking charge proposals for Ely – without members of the public being consulted.

Councillors have slammed members of East Cambridgeshire District Council's (ECDC) overview and scrutiny and strategic policy committees for rubber-stamping the changes.

Last month, the council's development and transport committee approved contentious plans to introduce car parking charges in Ely – despite a 12,000 signature-strong petition opposing the charges.

Under that scheme, there was a three-year guarantee to reassure the public that the charges would not rise before 2015, when the next General Election will be held.

An outline pricing structure was also put in place to see that the amount charged to visitors in the long-stay car parks was limited to a maximum of £1.

However, these assurances have both now been altered, meaning that the charges could be increased by councillors before 2015 and that the maximum charge for long-stay car parks could rise to £5 per day.

But Conservative Cllr Elaine Griffin-Singh, writing to the *Weekly News* last week, criticised her colleagues and questioned the validity of the consultation in the light of the revisions.

Cllr Ian Allen, leader of East Cambridgeshire's Liberal Democrat group, said: "The proposals do nothing to manage the streets, the cash raised is not ring-fenced for transport issues – this is simply a revenue-raising scheme."

But council leader Peter Moakes said: "We apologise for any confusion or inconvenience this may cause but we felt it was important to include this idea as part of the consultation so we could give all options to the public.

"It is important to stress this does not mean decisions have been taken on the car park charging model we have chosen and for the remaining eight weeks of public consultation there will no additions."

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# VIPS galore at festive evening

**A VISIT from Santa Claus – and even a woman dressed as Her Majesty The Queen – turned an Ely street into a Christmas wonderland.**

**Shops and businesses in High Street Passage, joined forces to hold a late-night Christmas shopping extravaganza last Thursday.**

**All traders in the street remained open until 8pm and invited families in for festive goodies and fun.**

**The event was formally opened by a Queen lookalike, dubbed the Queen II by organisers, while Santa was in attendance, much to the delight of youngsters.**

**The crowds were also entertained by a brass band, music, mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine.**

**Matt Hannam-Creak, from Holistic Fields complimentary health centre, helped organise the event.**

**He said: "The atmosphere was extremely festive and everyone had a great time. Our Queen II certainly caused a stir, as did Santa.**

**"We were raising money for Age UK and the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund, so we hope to have raised a substantial sum for both charities."**

**Royal visit: above, 'Her Majesty the Queen', centre, opens the party, while left, Sarah Lorden and Ann Sims spot Santa on show as the festivities in High Street Passage get into full swing.**

Pictures: Richard Patterson 788618/788622.

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THERE were smiles all round as Father Christmas and his reindeer paid a visit to a garden centre in Wilburton.

Twenty Pence Garden Centre welcomed the man in red along with two real life reindeer from Melsop Farm Park in Norfolk at the weekend.

As well as being able to stroke the reindeer, children were able to visit Santa in his grotto.

The reindeer will return to the garden centre on Saturday and the store is open Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5.30pm and Sunday, 10.30am to 4.30pm, until Christmas Eve.

# Bypass 'not the answer'

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A COUNCIL chairman fears building a southern bypass in Ely will be a waste of time and money – and that it could even spoil the stunning views of Ely Cathedral.

Cllr George Jellicoe, chairman of Witchford Parish Council, has spoken up over contentious plans to build a multi-million pound link road around the city's railway station and crossing.

For years, residents and commuters have been calling for a southern bypass in the city and the plans have been identified as one of Cambridgeshire County Council's key infrastructure projects.

A public consultation is being held to seek people's views about the bypass and according to council chiefs, the most preferred option is to build a bypass to the south of the Ely station area, including a new roundabout on Angel Drove and a 500m viaduct over the River Great Ouse, the flood plains and the rail lines, plus a new junction onto Stuntney Causeway. The scheme is projected to cost £28m.

But Cllr Jellicoe, who has lived in the Ely area for most of his life, insists there are cheaper and more effective solutions.

He said: "All that building a southern bypass will do is draw more lorries and other vehicles off the A14 at Newmarket to take a shortcut across country either to the A1 at Peterborough or to the A14 interchange at Huntingdon."

Cllr Jellicoe is also worried about the environmental impact of a southern bypass – including how it will affect views of Ely Cathedral.

He said: "The consultation is quiet about the landscape impact as one of the most mystical views, that of Ely and its cathedral from the south and east, is blocked by a mask of concrete and high-sided vehicles.

"There are imaginative alternatives to an elevated bypass which would be more environmentally friendly but which were not included in the recent consultation document."

Graham Hughes from Cambridgeshire County Council said: "In three years' time the amount of freight which will go through the railway crossing at Ely will double, closing the barriers for more than 40 minutes every hour.

"This is something we must tackle, which is why we recently held a public consultation inviting people to look at various options for addressing this problem. We had over 1,700 responses with 81 per cent of the public supporting Option B – a link road to avoid the level crossing which will help with the regeneration of southern Ely and deal with the expected growth in traffic.

"The consultation response is being reported to Cabinet at the County Council on December 13 where members will be asked to support the further development of Option B which will involve extensive evaluation and further public consultation which I am sure Mr Jellicoe can contribute to."

# Cat found 136 miles from home

Picture: Richard Patterson 787040.

**A CAT has been reunited with its owner after being missing for 18 months – and travelling from Ely to Kent.**

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Angela Kerridge told a vet in Margate 'you must be mistaken' when they called to say they had Theo, who she had not seen since April last year.

Angela asked the vet to call her back as she couldn't believe after so long that her pet had been found more than 136 miles away from her home in Sycamore Lane, in Ely.

But the microchip confirmed the pedigree British short-haired feline was Theo and Angela collected him from Kent last week.

Angela believes her cat had been taken. She said: "I am sure he was taken as a neighbour who knows Theo said she saw him in the back of a van just outside the house the day he went missing.

"She didn't say anything to the man who was by the van as she was dubious of him and then as she walked off she heard it drive away.

"It was absolutely horrible, I was so upset. It was as if there was a hole in my life without him.

"I put up posters, a piece in the paper and called Animal Search UK, but after a few months I didn't think I would ever see him again."

The vet from Margate told Angela a couple had found him in their garden and had taken him to the vet to see if he was chipped.

Angela added: "I had no idea what he had been through, so I was worried how he would react when he saw me.

"As I walked into the vets, he rushed to the front of the cage and as I called his name he started pawing at the bars.

"He is such a friendly cat I think that may have led him to be taken.

"It is just so lovely to have him back."


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# Gallery makes a temporary comeback

A POPULAR art gallery which was forced to shut down last year has re-opened its doors in the run-up to Christmas.

Last year the Angela Mellor Gallery, on the corner of St Mary's Street and Downham Road in Ely, closed down. Owner Mrs Mellor blamed the recession.

But in the build-up to Christmas, she is opening the gallery each weekend.

Guest artists Melanie Max is showcasing her stunning paintings of the Fen landscape and ceramics made by Colin Saunders will also be on display.

Three jewellers, Dorothy Erickson, from western Australia, Tina Ashdown and Jane Pennington, will also be exhibiting their beautiful work.

Bone china Christmas decorations and candle holders are also on sale.

The gallery is open this weekend on Saturday and Sunday and on December 17 and 18, from 10.30am-5pm on both days. Entry is free.

For more information, call the gallery on (01353) 666675.

On display: Angela Mellor, left, at her gallery in Ely with painter Melanie Max. Picture: Keith Heppell 787360.

# Workers at schools and council join strike action

THOUSANDS of children and young people across East Cambridgeshire enjoyed a day off school last Wednesday when teachers went on strike against public sector pension changes proposed by the Government.

Soham Village College and Witchford Village College both closed for the day and Ely College partially closed, being open to Year 7 and 8 pupils only.

The King's School Ely remained open to all pupils on the day.

As far as primary schools, nurseries and special schools are concerned, it was a mixed bag.

Out of Cambridgeshire's 240 nurseries and schools, 138 closed, 34 partially closed and only 68 remained open.

More than 30 East Cambridgeshire District Council staff also took industrial action.

A total of 34 members of staff, 19 per cent of the council's workforce, went out on strike and a picket was held outside the council's offices in Nutholt Lane in Ely from 8am.

Waste and recycling collections, which are contracted out, proceeded as normal.

A spokesman for the council said: "I can confirm that 34 members of staff were on strike and that all services were working as normally as possible."

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# Amnesty members in cage

MEMBERS of the Amnesty International Ely City Group will be out in force on Saturday to mark International Human Rights Day.

The group will be sitting in a cage on Ely's Palace Green – something which members say highlights the growing number of prisoners of conscience around the world.

The group will also run a 'Write for Rights' letter-writing event at the Ely Cathedral Centre.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "Everyone is welcome to come along and write a letter to selected overseas governments in support of 10 people or communities whose human rights are being denied or abused.

"They include Jabbar Savalan, a student in Azerbaijan who is in prison for peaceful anti-government activism, including comments he posted on Facebook, and Greek photojournalist Manolis Kypreos, who has permanent hearing loss after a police officer deliberately threw a stun grenade at him while he was filming an anti-austerity protest in Athens.

"All letter-writing materials and guidance will be supplied, plus there will be homemade cakes and other refreshments."

The events are being held from 10am-noon. See *www.amnesty.org.uk/write*.

# Double rail boost

## Extra line of track due between Ely and Soham; 125mph trains on way

BY JORDAN DAY

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MILLIONS of pounds are to be spent on boosting train services between Soham and Ely, the *Weekly News* can confirm.

The Department for Transport has announced major plans to double the single-line railway between Soham and Ely as a part of a £55m national Strategic Rail Freight Network scheme.

At present, the single line acts as a bottleneck for freight trains, which travel from Felixstowe to the Midlands.

When the extra line of track is laid, it will allow more trains to use the route – and transport experts hope it will persuade haulage firms to switch from road to rail, thus reducing the amount of HGVs on local roads.

Peter Wakefield, a local spokesman for the campaign organisation Railfuture East Anglia, said: "It is more very good news on the rail front. This will enable many more freight trains carrying containers to run without any bottlenecks from Felixstowe to the Midlands and north, via Bury St Edmunds, Ely, March and Peterborough. Already 30 such trains leave Felixstowe every day.

"This must be seen as part of the Government's response to the issues created by congestion on the A14. They are certainly not unconnected and Railfuture East Anglia welcomes this evidence of joined-up thinking."

He said the doubling of the six-mile route between Soham and Ely might also lead to the reopening of a passenger station in Soham. He said: "The business case rested on the need to double the track on to Ely."

It has also been revealed that 125mph Intercity Express trains will operate on the King's Cross-Cambridge-King's Lynn line, which passes through Ely and Littleport, as part of plans to boost rail infrastructure in the region. However, they will not be running until 2018.

Cambridge MP Julian Huppert said: "Our services have been second-class for years. Commuters have paid top prices to travel on uncomfortable, unreliable trains, and are often forced to stand throughout the whole journey.

"I'm pleased that finally we are able to spend money on rail, and faster trains will bring huge benefits for the city's economy."

# Erica's our £150 voucher winner

THE lucky winner of the *Weekly News* Anglia Co-operative competition picked up £150 of food vouchers for the store in Littleport.

Erica Power, from Atkins Close in Littleport, gave the correct answer to the question we posed last month: "On what date did the Co-Operative store in Littleport open last year?"

It was in fact on Tuesday, November 16. The Wisbech Road store celebrated its first birthday last month.

*Ely Weekly News* reporter Jordan Day presented Mrs Power with her vouchers on Monday – just in time for Christmas.

She said: "I can't believe I have won. This hasn't just made my day, it has made my whole week. I'm so pleased."

**All yours: Jordan Day from the *Weekly News* presents Erica Power with her Co-operative Foodstore vouchers.** Picture: Keith Jones 789366.

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## Maltings is the answer...

**Sir**, am I alone in being surprised that the council's proposed car parking regime changes are not issued by press release but by a letter from an individual councillor?
I have made the point in a previous letter that Ely does not have a parking problem. I regularly use most of our car parks and can tell you, for example, that in Forehill car park on normal Sundays to Wednesdays and on Fridays you can land a helicopter or two in there. The situation on Thursdays and Saturdays is different. Thank goodness it is. We should be really worried if our car parks were not as full on market days.
I am amazed that this review of parking regimes has not altered the ridiculous restrictions now in place. In the previous regime Ship Lane car park was full of rail commuter vehicles. Now it is full of cars belonging to people who can park from 8.31 for the rest of the day. What is the difference? I appreciate that these people have to park somewhere but should not a proportion of this car park be available for two or three hours for visitors and tourists to explore our riverside?
I have recently seen a copy of the public consultation questionnaire entitled *Ely's Car Parking Proposal*. I know that Ely is pretty smart but did not imagine that it could invent its own proposal. This proposal was so well prepared and considered that it has already been amended to include a question about charges of £5 a day for long-stay parking. None of these proposals have any mandate from the electorate.
I am mystified where Brays Lane car park fits in with these proposals as it was recently purchased by Waitrose.
I do have a solution to the council's parking problem and it is the Maltings. I have read separately that this venue is budgeted to cost us £93,000 (in staff costs, repairs and maintenance and insurance – all of which are the responsibility of the franchisee) plus £42,000 in "management fees", whatever they might be. Does our council not understand the principles of management?
The Maltings is the biggest missed opportunity I have ever known. It is closed more often than open yet is run by a subsidiary of the largest catering company in the world. Just along the river the Cutter thrives. The point of granting a franchise to Compass is for both parties to profit.
If I were to take on a franchise I would have to invest a considerable amount of money and pay a percentage of my turnover to the franchiser.
I would suggest that if run commercially and properly an unsubsidised Maltings should generate the very minimum of £50,000 per year to this council. If you add that to the £135,000 per year that we are subsidising this venue you have you are only £23,000 short of the claimed but unproven cost of providing car parks.
Over to you, East Cambs Conservatives.

**Trevor Wilton**
**Compton Fields**
**Ely**

## We'll talk to all parties

**Sir, I write regarding the recent article in your paper about the future ownership of the Maltings in Ely ('City council looks to take helm at Maltings', *Weekly News*, December 1).**
**I would like to start by saying we have only just begun our review to ensure the Maltings remains a valuable venue for residents and visitors.**
**During this consultation, we will be talking to all parties who care about keeping the facility at the heart of the city's historic riverside.**
**I must, however, state very clearly that we have not entered into any negotiations with the City of Ely Council about the ownership of the building.**
**This would be wholly inappropriate given our contract with the Compass Group but also not in keeping with the aim or spirit of our review.**
**The building, built in 1868 as the brewery of Ebenezer William Harlock, is an icon for our city and district but in recent months I have seen its reputation 'picked at' and undermined.**
**Now I know we are all entitled to our own personal views but I am also a strong believer in supporting our local business. By constantly running down any facility, company or shop there is a real risk of causing irreparable damage to its standing and future success.**
**The Maltings is a wonderful building which over the decades has become a key part of Ely's Riverside. Its future success depends on a number of factors which we will be working to address in the forthcoming review but this will be done by talking to everyone who is interested in the building, not just one organisation.**
**We are committed to supporting Compass through the existing contract and working, in our review, to develop a viable future for this important community asset.**

Cllr Richard Hobbs
Chairman of Community and Environment sub-committee at East Cambridgeshire District Council

## Well said, Cllr Griffin-Singh

**Sir,** so the newly-elected and refreshingly outspoken Cllr Griffin-Singh ('Public is right to be wary of us', *Weekly News*, December 1) has risked the wrath of her fellow Conservatives by drawing public attention to the continuing debacle that passes for parking policy in the district and, in particular, Ely.
In yet another period of consultation the council has invited comments on its proposals, briefly summarised on posters in the public car parks, proposals which have already been controversially amended by the council in session.
Still the proposals do not address the parking problems experienced by many residents in the central zone who, living in 19th century and earlier terraced homes, do not have off-street parking on their properties. To conform to the current time restrictions, which will not change under the proposed pay-and-display regime, it will still be necessary to shuttle between on-street and off-street spaces to no net advantage in the overall scheme.
Before the present parking orders, with later amendments, came into force many residents lobbied their councillors for residents' parking, petitioned the council and expressed their views strongly and publicly to no avail. Conservative councillors were both dismissive and patronising in denying a solution to a number of their constituents, fobbing them off with promises of "stakeholder input" which never materialised.
Now, five years on, we we have made no progress; on-street parking enforcement is arbitrary and erratic, off-street parking is inadequate, long-term parking is misunderstood by most visitors.
Will the Conservative cabal continue their blinkered approach to this problem, with further costly consultations, or will the likes of Cllr Griffin-Singh show a more independent view reflecting a consideration for the voters they were elected to represent?

**Christopher Bent**
**Broad Street**
**Ely**

## The answer lies out of town…

**Sir,** as an Ely resident for 30 years my considered opinion of the parking chaos and solution is as follows.
The whole debate about car parking provision in Ely avoids the inescapable need for regulation and enforcement. The debate by councillors has been reduced to the protection of Ely city centre shopping. Several Conservative councillors supported the petition against any charging at all, and are now in the agonising situation of accepting a useless compromise. They are correct in only one point; minimal charges in car parks are only intended to increase revenue.
It is relevant that car parking is currently funded from the general ECDC rates, to the tune of £250,000. The only contribution from the Lib Dems is of the push me-pull me policy.
While councillors adopt a Luddite attitude to modern reality, progress marches on. Ely is a medieval city, unattractive to large department-style retailers, hotels and the like. This is demonstrated by Tesco's three moves, each further from the city centre to where there is more land for expansion. Even the new Sainsbury's is out of the centre.
The whole problem will, in the long term, solve itself. Like most rural towns, the answer lies in out-of-town shopping malls. Consumer support is evident with Tesco's 60 per cent of all local retail trade. The writing is on the wall!

**Bill Pickess**
**West Fen Road**
**Ely**

## Is it decade of the bully boys?

**Sir,** may I be allowed to contribute to the national debate on the recent pension strikes in the UK.
Thousands of people rightly exercised their right to strike and I would support this – however, these people were a net minority of the total membership of the unions concerned and, therefore, the action was undemocratic.
Is anyone saying that those not voting actually wanted to strike? – if they had they would have voted would they not?
One of the silliest union reasons for the low turnout was the means by which the ballots were held (ie no electronic means, etc) but what is wrong with postal ballots?
They have been the way of doing things together with a show of hands in some cases for many years and no-one has complained.
It is clear that there was a huge political motivation for the strikes and one only has to go back to May 2010 to remember union leaders forecasting "trouble" before the coalition Government even had a chance to look at the "books".
Are the next few years going to become known as the "decade of the bully boys"?
They were put in their place in the 70s and I trust the same will happen again.

**Graham Jones**
**Windmill Close**
**Ely**

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# The pounds are melting away…

THE pounds and inches are falling off our fat-fighting trio as our Ely's Biggest Loser Competition enters its final month.

Cheryl De Val, David Powell and Sara Cliff have been putting Ely personal trainer Tim Megginson's Power Fat Loss System to the test over the last two months – and with four more weeks to go, the competition is well and truly on to see who will be crowned champion.

We caught up with the contestants to see how they were going at the eight-week stage.

Each competitor has a weigh-in and circumference measurements taken from key fat-loss areas; bum, centre thighs and waist each week. Tim trains them three times a week within his group fitness classes which run in Ely. The sessions are different from many other exercise classes in that the workout time is kept to 45 minutes and the goal is to take participants through a learning curve of resistance exercises.

All fitness camp members begin at the same date and as skill and fitness improves throughout the weeks, the fitness regime becomes progressively more challenging. Tim said the constant progression allows for continuous results – what he calls "metabolic resistance training".

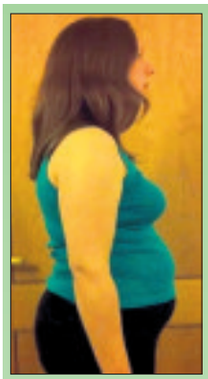
On why results wouldn't be equal across the board as they have each been given the same programme, Tim said: "Ultimately my system is proven to guarantee healthy and maintainable weight loss for anyone who applies it. The principles and methods are very simple and anybody can do it. However, I make sure everybody is given a deep understanding of what it takes to get in and stay in great shape. Things like sleep quality, fatty acid control, recovery and even the type of vegetables you eat play a role in the level of results achieved.

"Constant measurable weight loss is complex and I give my clients a stage-by-stage guide to all of this knowledge. It is then the clients' desire to succeed and to pay the most attention to detail that will get them the greatest results in the quickest time. This will be the determining factor."

When the 12 weeks are up, all three will be judged on how much weight and how many inches they have lost, calculcated as a percentage of their starting body weight and vital statistics. The winner gets a year's membership of Tim's Body Shape Fitness Camp.

To find out more about the weekly changes to our biggest losers, see the blog at *www.elyweeklynews.co.uk*.

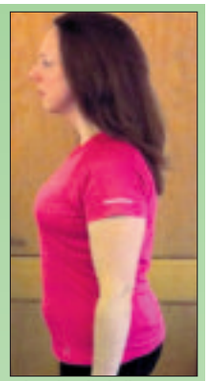
Tim Megginson is the Ely weight loss specialist at *BodyShapeFitnessCamp.co.uk*.



## Cheryl De Val

Weight lost: **22 lbs**

Inches lost: **13 ins**

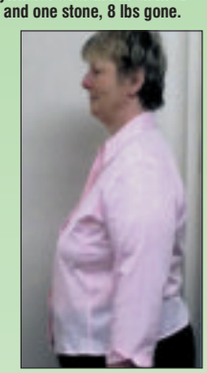


**I'm really happy with how things are going and can't quite believe we only have a month to go. I'm now back in my size 12 jeans (size 16 when we started) and this was my original goal, so to get there a month early is amazing. I enjoy the boot camp sessions more and more and have toned up pretty much everywhere! Overall I'm chuffed to bits with my progress – two dress sizes and one stone, 8 lbs gone.**

## Sara Cliff

Weight lost: **28 lbs**

Inches lost: **23 ins**



**What an amazing journey this is! I experienced a 'plateau' for a week but things are really moving again. It is so very encouraging to have people comment on your 'new' appearance. This is a lifestyle change in every way – nutrition, diet, training and rest. I am enjoying the Fit Camps so much more than I thought I would; I am enjoying the challenge of pushing myself and doing more each time I train.**

## David Powell

Weight lost: **27 lbs**

Inches lost: **21 ins**

**I'm finding the training sessions tough but highly rewarding. I'm able to do more reps than ever before and increasing the intensity all the time. I also really love being part of the group we have. The supportive members of Fitness Camp I train with are all so laid back and friendly. This plan is allowing me to follow clearly labelled steps, which gives structure and ultimately leads to successful weight loss.**

# Bishop tackles friendship theme

THE Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, will be delivering an Advent lecture entitled *The Bible and Friendship* in Ely Cathedral this evening.

The lecture will be the last in a year-long series of lectures organised to mark the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James version of the Bible.

Bishop Stephen said: "*The Bible and Friendship* is a fascinating theme and I hope to grapple with some of the obvious and not-so-obvious themes around what we mean by friendship in terms of Scripture more widely."

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## Deaths

**LAVENDER.** George Henry of Silver Street, Ely passed peacefully away at Littleport Grange on Sunday, 4th December, 2011 aged 80 years. Husband of Jean. For funeral arrangements, please contact Ely Funeral Service Ltd, Tel: 01353 666566.

**SADLER.** Malcolm John formerly of Haddenham who passed away suddenly on Friday, 25th November, 2011, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Peggy, much loved father to Alison and Neil, and a dear father-in-law to Julian and Sue, loving grandfather to Jon, Isabelle, Phoebe and Poppy. The funeral service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham on Wednesday, 7th December, 2011 at 1.30pm, followed by Interment in the Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired made payable to Cancer Research UK may be left on the day or sent c/o Willingham Funeral Service, Berrycroft, Willingham, Cambs, CB24 5JX.

**WHITBY.** John Ernest of Bell Gardens, Haddenham passed peacefully away at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge on Wednesday, 30th November, 2011 aged 78 years. Dearly loved husband of Betty, loving father of Norman, step-dad to Elizabeth and Bobby, a dear grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. Cremation at Fenland Crematorium, March on Wednesday, 14th December at 1.30pm, followed by a service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham at 2.30pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired for Cancer Research UK will be gratefully recieved at the Thanksgiving service or c/o A G Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs, CB6 3UQ.

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Online exchange: Dorothy Quinn has set up Ely Freegle. Picture: Richard Patterson 786048.

# Dorothy sets up online swap-shop

**A NEW website has been set up in the Ely area to enable people to get rid of and swap their unwanted items for free.**

**Ely Freegle has been set up by Dorothy Quinn, who moved to Littleport recently and decided to set up the group.**

**Mrs Quinn, of Fishers Bank, said: "Ely Freegle is an online re-use group for locals to give away and get things for free.**

**"As long as whatever item you are giving away or asking for is legal and tangible, then it will be allowed on the group listings.**

**"Whether you are an individual, family, organisation, sports club, charity or business, you can benefit from joining.**

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**For more information, visit *http://freegle.in/Ely*.**

**Alternatively, call Mrs Quinn on (01353) 861432.**

# Chewing gum thief comes to sticky end

BY EMILY NICE

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A MAN has appeared in court for stealing chewing gum worth more than £400 from a store.

Lucian Mitranus, 36, pleaded guilty to stealing £662.93 of goods from Tesco in Ely. Among the haul was gum valued at £467.70.

Mitranus was followed by security guards at the store at 7.20pm on Monday, November 28, after they noticed the large amount of gum in his trolley.

Laura Mardell, prosecuting, said: "He left without paying, at which point security staff confronted him and asked him to return to the store, which he did."

The court heard that Mitranus, originally from Romania, had only been in the country for three weeks.

Ms Mardell continued: "Mitranus told police he was shoplifting in order to fund a ticket to return to Romania."

Four days before the offence, on Thursday, November 24, he was cautioned by West Mercia Police for a similar matter.

James Manning, mitigating, said: "Mr Mitranus came to this country with the promise of employment in Nottingham. However, this did not materialise.

"He has had difficulty finding work and also has schizophrenia, and only enough medication to last another five weeks."

The court also heard Mitranus was in Ely because he is a traveller. He stole the chewing gum to sell.

As details of the case were outlined at Cambridge Magistrates' Court, Marisa Johnson, presiding magistrate, asked: "What kind of scandal are we dealing with here?

She told Mitranus: "We are very concerned about these two incidents as you were given a caution for theft and then, four days later on the opposite side of the country, you are found with a large amount of goods, mainly chewing gum, which we cannot begin to understand.

"We do have to have regard to the fact that this is the first time you are in court and so we have decided the most appropriate sentence is a conditional discharge for a period of 12 months."

Mitranus was also fined £85 but did not have to pay as he had already spent two days in custody.

# Students given task by fashion brand

RESISTANT materials students at Soham Village College have begun a new project as part of their GCSE coursework.

The 40 students, who chose to study the course which focuses on solving problems by designing and making real products, have been asked to come up with a 'point of sale' for the Cambridge-based international young fashion brand Supremebeing.

Simon Purchase, Supremebeing's marketing manager, visited the school to introduce the project to the students and offer insights into the world of branding and fashion retail.

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# Road ban for trucker in crossing crunch

Impact: the 44-tonne lorry driven by Geoffrey Peachey going through the Ely north rail crossing last year. CP.

BY RACHEL ALLEN

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A LORRY driver went through a red light signal at a level crossing – breaking off a barrier and leaving it on the tracks without realising, a court heard.

Geoffrey Peachey, of Station Drove, Shippea Hill, Ely, was sentenced at Cambridge Magistrates' Court last week after previously pleading guilty to failing to stop at Ely north railway level crossing, on Bridge Road, on July 20.

He claimed he hadn't seen two sets of red lights or heard the warning klaxon.

Paul Brown, prosecuting, said Peachey, 54, was driving a 44-tonne articulated vehicle towards the crossing at 12.37pm and stopped due to queuing traffic on the other side.

He told the court Peachey claimed to be concentrating on the queuing traffic so when the crossing warning lights started flashing and the klaxon sounded, he proceeded through the crossing.

Mr Brown said: "As the level crossing barrier starts to fall it caught on the lorry or the back end of the trailer of the lorry. It then ended up falling on to the tracks.

Mr Peachey was not aware that it had caught the barrier on the way through and so he carried on without stopping.

"Network Rail became aware that it had happened at the crossing and this affected traffic for the rest of the day."

Charles Snelling, mitigating, told the court that due to Peachey's high position in his cab he had not seen the lights flashing as he went over the crossing.

He said: "Because of his position in his cab he couldn't see the lights and the klaxon was straight in front of him and he didn't hear this either."

Mr Snelling added his client is a "conscientious and careful driver" and a "trusted employee" and driving is an essential part of his job.

However, Brenda Anderson, presiding magistrate, said: "This is a serious offence aggravated by it being at a busy level crossing.

"The repercussions could have been catastrophic."

Peachey, who has worked at the farm where he lives for 40 years, was disqualified from driving for three months and ordered to pay a £135 fine, £70 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Speaking after the case, Sgt Linda Welch, the investigating officer, said: "Peachey put himself and others in great danger by ignoring the red lights and driving over the crossing.

"Level crossings are designed to keep people safe and do so when used correctly.

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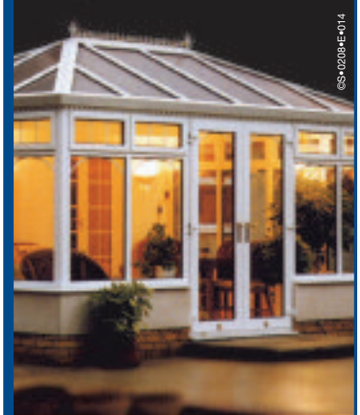

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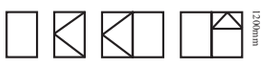

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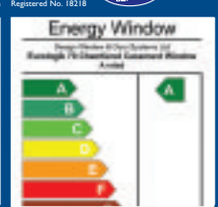


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Soham: Buying locally makes good sense all round.

In the olden days, towns and cities used to have numerous different shops, but chain stores and supermarkets have led to accusations of 'clone towns' being levelled at some of our most historic areas. By supporting independent, one-off shops, you can help to keep your area special and unique, which will also encourage tourists and visitors from further afield to see exactly what your home has to offer.

Another good reason to check out local retailers is that while the cost may be slightly higher, not only will the quality be improved, but you can rest easy knowing your carbon footprint will be reduced. Why get strawberries flown over from abroad, when the English variety is right here on your doorstep, and extra sweet. They are good enough for Wimbledon after all.

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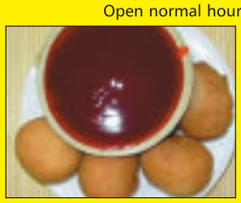

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# Flushed with pride as loos given star status

ROLL out the red carpet as judges have awarded Ely's public toilets a five-star rating.

Eleven toilets across East Cambridgeshire have been awarded an array of five and four stars at this year's Loo of the Year Awards.

The accolades are highly prized, with each nominated toilet visited by judges from the British Toilet Association, looking for spotless loos and evidence they are well looked after.

Of the 11 public conveniences entered for the Loo of the Year awards, seven received five stars and four have been given four stars.

The toilets awarded five stars were Lode Lane car park in Wicken, Barton Road car park, Newnham Street, Ship Lane, Cloisters, Sacrist Gate in Ely and Littleport car park.

Facilities granted four stars were Palace Green, in Ely, Burwell, Fountain Lane in Soham and Fordham.

Keith Stronach, principal facilities officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Every year the standard of our facilities improves as our team of cleaners take great care to keep East Cambridgeshire's toilets up to the highest standards.

"Our toilets are used by thousands of people every week, who expect facilities which are clean and hygienic. It is our aim to always meet and exceed these expectations."

The Loo of the Year judges toilets on numerous criteria such as signage, decor, cleanliness and hygiene.

## King's pupils the talk of the gowns

**A GROUP of 12 students from the King's School Ely have experienced a memorable day.**

**The dozen pupils were admitted as King's and Queen's Scholars and presented with red gowns during a service in Ely Cathedral.**

**The scholars were nominated for their academic achievement at GCSE. They become members of the Cathedral Foundation and qualify for other privileges during their sixth-form years.**

**The event took place on November 25.**

**The new scholars are Leo Banahan, Charlotte Callard, Luke Cave, Isabelle Elliott, Sophie Emms, Jennifer Goss, Emily Green, Jamie Huffer, Samuel Huguet, Tony Lesmeister, Clea Tanner and James Wege.**

Taking it as red: King's pupils with head Sue Freestone

Picture: Richard Patterson 786206.

**King's is one of the oldest schools in the UK, tracing its history back more than 1,000 years. It was granted its first royal charter in 1541 by King Henry VIII.**

**At the same time he established King's Scholars. In 1970, the school admitted girls for the first time, and three years later the male King's Scholars were joined by Queen's Scholars (girls) at the request of The Queen when she toured the school during a visit to Ely.**

## Car hits house after driver falls ill at wheel

A CAR crashed into the side of a house in Ely on Tuesday morning.

It is believed the driver of the vehicle, a man in his 50s, suffered a heart attack at the wheel.

The collision happened just after 9.50am in Lynn Road, at the junction with Egremont Street and Nutholt Lane.

Paramedics and the East Anglian Air Ambulance attended the scene.

The helicopter landed on the city's nearby Paradise Fields, although the man was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, via land ambulance.

The man's condition is said to be serious but not life-threatening.

A spokeswoman for the East of England Ambulance Service said: "It appears the man went into cardiac arrest while driving."

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Police said: "We were called by the ambulance service at 9.51am to reports of a single-vehicle collision on Lynn Road.

"This is not being treated as a collision as it is believed the man suffered a medical episode."

The road was closed in all directions until 10.45am.

The damage to the house was minimal.

# Ely car and van hire firm expands its fleet

EARLY next year there will be a new name in Cambridgeshire for vehicle rental as Ely Car & Van Hire becomes Eazyhire.co.uk.

The hire fleet is expanding to offer even more choice and variety and those already reasonable rental rates are set to become even more competitive.

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In January 2011 S&G Car Sales augmented their business by expanding into car, van and seven-seater vehicle hire. Then, in September they relocated the dealership and Ely Car & Van Hire operation from Angel Drove in Ely to Ibbots Garage on Ely Road in nearby Sutton, a move made necessary by continuing expansion and the very real need for more space.

In the next phase of the company's development, S&G Car Sales/S&G – Ely Car and Van Hire have now ventured into partnership with Eazyhire, a successful, fast-growing vehicle rental network with associates across the UK. This partnership has allowed for additional flexibility and even better, more competitive pricing along with a wider range of services.

Director Lee Cater said: "As the business has expanded we have needed to find more room to store our growing fleet of hire vehicles. This affiliation with Eazyhire will allow us to expand the business further.

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You can find Ely Car and Van Hire – Eazyhire at Ibbots Garage on Ely Road, Sutton near Ely CB6 2QD.

Ely Car & Van Hire: Fleet now expanded to include Luton vans such as the one shown here.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Ely

**ARTIST OPENS UP:** Artist Marina Yedigaroff will be opening her studio to the public this weekend.
The Ely-based artist's studio at 20 Newnham Street will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 11am-6pm. Everything from paintings to wooden bowls to furniture will be on show and for sale. For more information, phone (01353) 656916.
**BEET THAT:** A hospice which cares for people with life-limiting illnesses is £400 better off thanks to a Christmas fair.
Droves of people attended a festive fair at the Ely Beet Club last month.
The event raised £400 for the Norfolk Hospice, based in King's Lynn.
Visit *www.norfolkhospice.org.uk* for more information.
**JUPITER JOHN:** Jupiter will be the topic of conversation at Ely Astronomy Club's meeting tomorrow.
John Rogers, Jupiter section director of the British Astronomical Association, will be speaking about the dynamic planet.
The club's meetings are held at Ely Museum at 7.30pm. For more information, call Mike Stephens on (01353) 669278.

## Haddenham

**WASHES WISDOM:** The Nene Washes will be the subject of a talk being held in Haddenham on Tuesday, December 13.
Charlie Kitchin, who is in charge of the RSPB reserve, will be hosting the Haddenham Conservation Society's next talk and speaking about the abundance of wildlife. The event is being held at the village's Arkenstall Centre at 8pm.

## Pymoor

**PARTY TIME:** Children and their families are invited to a Christmas party in Pymoor.
Pymoor Cricket and Social Club, in Pymoor Lane, is holding its annual children's festive party on Sunday.
From 3pm-5pm, families will be able to enjoy Christmas tea, children's entertainment and presents from Santa.
There will also be a licensed bar for the adults. Tickets are £4 per child from Christine on (01353) 699445.

## Prickwillow

**ENGINE FUN:** Festive spirits will be high at the Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum.
The museum, in Main Street, Prickwillow, is holding its annual Christmas special event on Sunday and Monday.
Residents are invited to enjoy the sounds, sights and tastes of the festive season and get some Christmas shopping done.
There will also be regular engine runs and hot food served.
Entry is £4 for adults, £3 for concessions and £1.50 for children.
The events will run from 11am-4pm on both days. For more information, phone (01353) 720737.

## Welney

**MAKE YOUR OWN:** Get creative and make your own Christmas decorations this festive season.
Local artist Jane Frost is hosting a workshop at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust centre in Welney on Saturday, when she will be teaching people how to make decorations using natural fibres, recycled beads and textiles.
The workshops are running from 10am-noon and 2pm-4pm at a cost of £18.
To book a place or for more information, phone 07967 088348.

## Wicken

**PLANT PROTECTION:** Learn how to protect your plants this winter at an event at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve.
Head gardener Richard Todd will be telling people how they can ensure their garden has the wow factor throughout the winter months.
The event is being held on Monday, December 12 from 10am-1pm and costs £15. To book a place or for more information, phone (01353) 720274.
**FESTIVE FEN FUN:** Wicken Fen Nature Reserve is holding an open evening on Saturday.
Residents are invited to enjoy festive cheer in the cafe and browse local crafts, while there will be face-painting and arts and crafts for youngsters.
The free event is being held from 4.30pm-7.30pm. For more information, phone (01353) 720274.

## Witchford

**VICTORIAN VALUES:** A Victorian Christmas Bazaar is being held in Witchford on Saturday.
A variety of stalls will be set up in St Andrew's Church and St Andrew's Hall, while there will be mulled wine, mince pies and other festive attractions.
The bazaar runs from 2pm-5pm and entry is 50p.

# Events help swell coffers for EACH

**A CHARITY is more than £1,000 better off thanks to two organisations in East Cambridgeshire.**

**East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) has been presented with two bumper cheques following fundraising events in Littleport and Soham.**

**In August, Littleport Rotary Club organised a casino night to raise money for the charity, as well as a sportsman's dinner at The Brook in Soham in September.**

**The dinner was attended by football legend Nobby Stiles MBE and football manager Dave Bassett.**

**The events raised a combined £750.**

**Sergio's restaurant in Soham's High Street also held a gourmet evening of Italian dining and a night of opera, raising £400 for EACH.**

**More than 50 people attended the event, which starred Soham-based soprano Catriona Clark.**

**Karen Newton, a fundraiser for EACH, said: "EACH is extremely grateful for the support of both Littleport Rotary Club and Sergio's.**

**"This money will go a long way to help EACH continue the vital work that it does."**

**For more information, visit *www.each.org.uk*.**

**The *Weekly News*'s sister paper the *Cambridge News* is backing an £80,000 appeal to build a new play area at the hospice's Milton base.**

**Big boost: from left, Mary Dunn, Littleport Rotary president Neil Burridge and Karen Newton from EACH.** CP.

**Molto bene: from left, Sergio and Annette Verducci and Karen Newton.** CP.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

People in the picture

## Quiz stars bring home the shield

Top team: Edward Birchinall, Isaac Bateman, Harry Joel and Felix Asare with the Rochester Quiz shield. CP

**A TEAM of clued-up students from the King's Junior School in Ely have won a prestigious quiz contest.**

**Every year, teams from choir schools across the UK compete in the Rochester General Knowledge Quiz.**

**For the first time ever, this year's contest was won by a team of four boys from King's, who scored a total of 251 points – 18 points ahead of runners-up Lichfield Cathedral School.**

**The Ely team was made up of Isaac Bateman, Harry Joel, Edward Birchinall and Felix Asare.**

**As well as bringing back the Rochester Quiz shield, the boys won a cheque for £75 which will be spent on something for Choir House to be enjoyed by all the Ely boy choristers.**

**Neil Porter-Thaw, their housemaster, said: "This is the first time a team from King's has won the competition and I am very proud of the boys."**

**Auditions for boy choristers will be held on Saturday, January 14 next year for entry into the choir next September.**

**Boy choristers are all boarding pupils at King's Junior School.**

**Choristerships to the value of 50 per cent of school fees are awarded jointly by the Dean and Chapter of Ely Cathedral and the school.**

**Parents of boys interested in choristerships are welcome to contact Paul Trepte, Ely Cathedral's director of music, on (01353) 660336.**

**Give it a go: members of the Ely and Littleport Riot morris side in action.**

## Morris dancers on recruitment drive

WOMEN of all ages are being given the chance to become morris dancers.

The Ely and Littleport Riot morris side is looking for female dancers and male and female musicians to join their group.

A spokesman for the group said: "People may have seen us dance on the streets of Ely at events like Eel Day, Apple Day and Ely Folk Festival with our brightly coloured costumes, bells and hankies, and wondered what it was like to be a morris dancer.

"Well now they have the chance to be one."

Winter practice sessions run at The Forum, in Barton Road, Ely, from 8pm-9.30pm every Friday.

People are invited to just turn up or visit *www.elriot.co.uk* for more information.

National acclaim: managing director Graham Brown, pictured centre, with the rest of the Forces Recruitment Services team. CP

## Forces jobs firm in awards spotlight

**A RECRUITMENT agency which specialises in finding jobs for UK Armed Forces personnel has been shortlisted for a prestigious award.**

**Forces Recruitment Services, which has its headquarters at Bishop Wynn Close, in Ely, is up for Best Small Business in the national Institute of Recruitment Professionals (IRP) Awards.**

**Graham Brown, the firm's managing director, said: "It is such a great achievement to be recognised on a national stage."**

**The company was set up by Mr Brown in 2001 and has placed more than 1,000 ex-military candidates into work since that date.**

**The business was franchised in 2007 and now has a network of 22 offices across the UK.**

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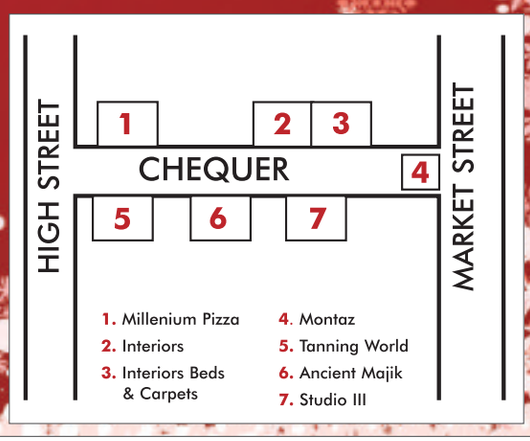

# City Cycle Centre will boost your craft skills

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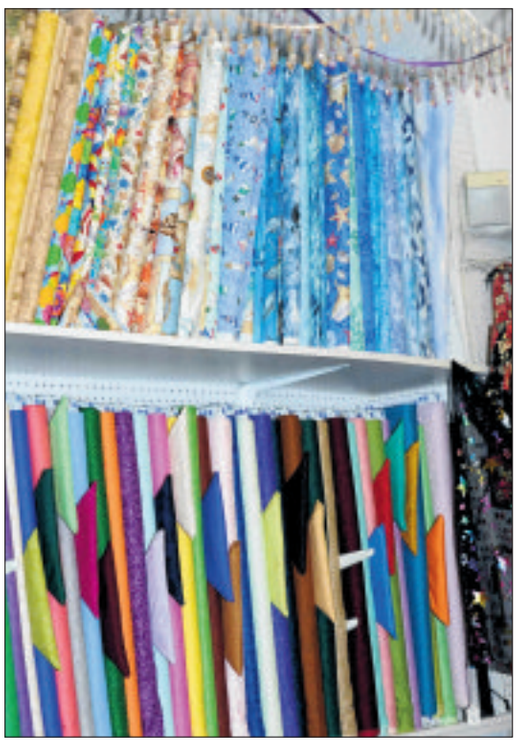
THERE'S no doubt about it, crafting is cool.

In a tough economic climate, people are rediscovering what their grandmothers always knew – that a hand-knitted jumper, carefully crafted necklace or homemade mittens make ideal Christmas presents for friends and family alike.



Impressive: Selection at Market Street retailer is superb.

City Cycle Centre: From left are Fran Chorlton, Melanie Missin and Bridget Jones.

Visit City Cycle Centre's haberdashery department today; be inspired by the range of items on offer; stock up on everything you need and get crafty this Christmas!

The well-stocked department store, which has been in Ely since 1970, offers everything needed by the DIY enthusiast as well as an impressive selection of toys and arts and crafts.

Whether you want Christmas fabrics to make a table cloth, stylish material to make a party dress, or buttons and stick-on stones to jazz up your Christmas cards you'll find it all in store.

There are also cross-stitch supplies, tapestry and embroidery threads, wool, faux fur, feather and trimmings such as elastic and lace.

If you've got a winter wedding to go to, and fancy creating a corsage or fascinator, you'll find a range of fabric flowers to use too.

Budding jewellers will enjoy beads, wires and findings, while all hobbyists are sure to be grateful for a work box or gift voucher in their stocking.

As well as pattern books to inspire, the stores helpful staff are on hand to offer tips and advice.

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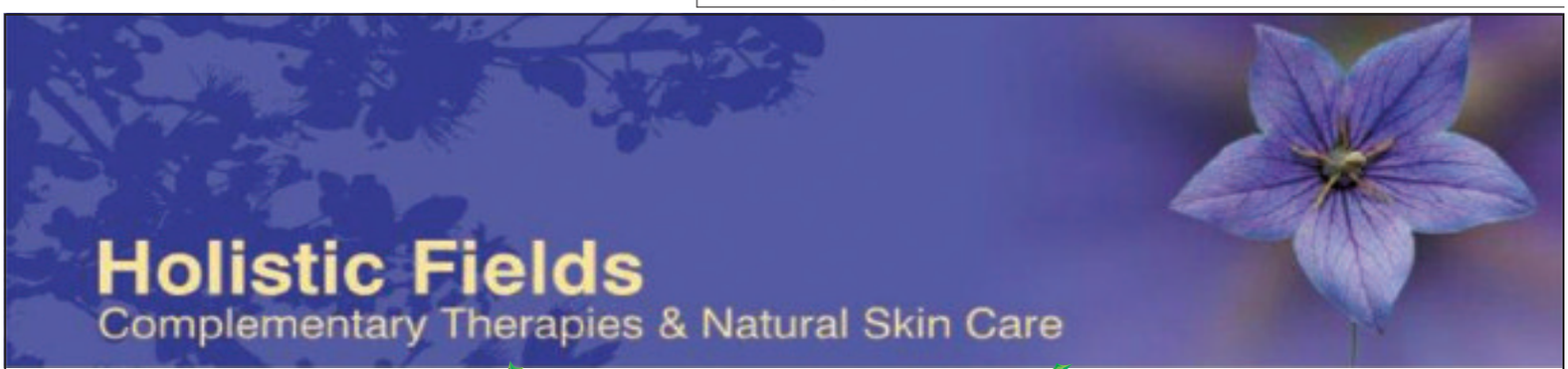


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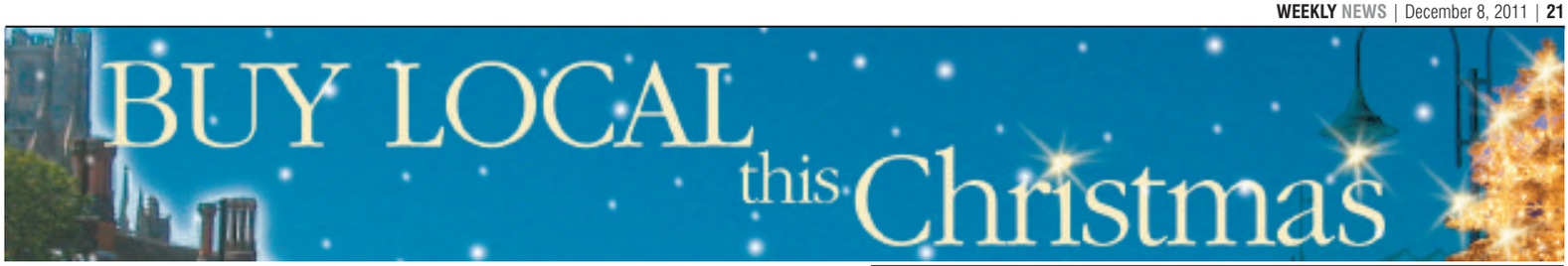


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CHRISTMAS conjures up vivid images: piles of gifts, the sparkle of decorations and tables groaning with food. But its aromas are surely just as potent.

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# Nativity cribs on show

Check it out: Carol Swain at the exhibition at St George's Church. Picture: Keith Heppell 789152.

**FESTIVE spirits were high at St George's Church in Littleport at the weekend.**

**The church threw open its doors and invited people to see cribs created by local school-children and organisations.**

**The two-day exhibition was held as part of the East Anglia Big Crib Exhibition, which has seen more than 50 schools and organisations across the region making their own large-scale nativity crib figures.**

**In Littleport, the work of pupils at Littleport Community Primary School, Mepal and Witcham Primary School and congregation members of St George's Church were showcased.**

**It was one of 16 parish churches in the Diocese of Ely to host the exhibition.**

# Fair's a boost to village hall

HUNDREDS of people turned out in the cold to grab some festive treats at the Littleport Village Hall Christmas craft fair.

Some 26 stalls provided any array of goods from jewellery, flowers and candles to toys, cakes and pottery.

There was also a tombola and raffle with goods donated from the Co-Op and North's Bakery in Littleport and Tesco and Wilkinson's in Ely. A total of £506 was raised, which will be spent on the hall.

Sue Brookes, organiser of the fair, said: "I am really pleased with the turnout of people and the amount of money we managed to raise.

"Everyone seemed really happy and the money will be well spent on repairs to the hall, general maintenance and a new fridge for the bar. I would like to thank everyone, including the stall holders, who turned out on such a cold night to support the hall."

**Sue is pictured at the fair with daughters Kirsty and Karen.** Picture: Warren Gunn 788151.


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# St Mary's has it all wrapped up for you

We'll do it: members of St Mary's Church are offering to wrap presents. CP.

**CHURCHGOERS will be on hand to wrap people's Christmas presents – for free.**

**Members of St Mary's Church in Ely are offering to wrap residents' festive gifts on Saturday.**

**Alan Hulme, rector of the Ely Team Ministry, said: "Offering to wrap Christmas presents is a simple way in which St Mary's want to serve the community as we celebrate God's gift to us of Jesus."**

**Residents are invited to take their presents along to Sacrist Gate, in Ely's High Street, between 10am and 4pm on Saturday.**

**For more information, phone (01353) 659550.**

# *Snowman* highlight of mayor's event

MORE than 350 people flocked to the Mayor of Ely's annual Christmas concert on Sunday.

The festive event was held at The Maltings and featured award-winning Ely Sinfonia and sweet-sounding singer Jenny Bingham, who performed Howard Blake's spine-tingling *Walking in the Air* from *The Snowman*.

The classic Christmas story was narrated by Jeremy Harmer.

The mayor's concert is held to get people into the Christmas spirit and to raise money for charity.

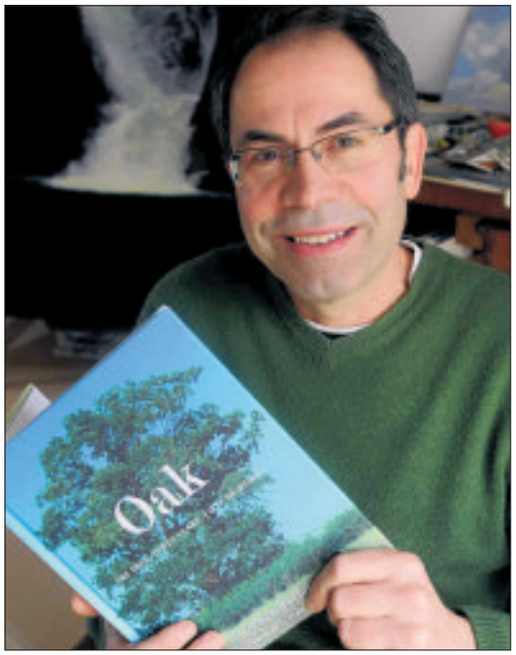
A spokeswoman for ADeC, which helped to organise the event, said 360 people attended this year.

Ely's mayor John Yates said: "The concert was absolutely fantastic and it was amazing to see so many people.

Concert: Caroline Cawley from ADeC, Steve Bingham from Ely Sinfonia, soloist Jenny Bingham, mayor John Yates and narrator Jeremy Harmer. CP.

"I would particularly like to thank the generous sponsors and local businesses who helped make the event happen and in particular to The Maltings for the use of their venue."

All funds raised will be split between the mayor's chosen charities, Ely Sinfonia and ADeC.




Stateside status: Stephen Taylor with his book, which was chosen by Oprah Winfrey as her book of the week. Picture: Richard Patterson 7877742.

# Ely artist gets nod from Oprah

BY EMILY NICE

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

AMERICAN chat show host Oprah Winfrey has chosen an Ely artist's work as her book of the week.

Stephen Taylor, who moved to Ely three months ago, wrote *Oak: One Tree, Three Years, and Fifty Paintings*, after a series of illustrations caught the eye of a publisher.

Stephen came across his subject, a 250-year-old oak tree, not far from his previous home in Essex.

He painted it scores of times over three years, in extremes of weather and light at all times of the day and night.

The book is the outcome of Stephen's single-minded pursuit and Oprah described it as a "lovely, enlightening art book" last week.

Stephen said: "The natural world is constantly changing, visually unpredictable, and often very hard to see clearly, so I use painting to help me discover what is there."

He wrote the book to accompany his paintings in a small house just outside Littleport. The final version was published in the UK last week and in the United States a few weeks before.

He said: "After being cooped up for so long in an office it is wonderful to see the final product finally here."

The book is on sale in Topping and Co in Ely. For more details, visit *www.stephentaylorpaintings.com.*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# Katie comes home to play

Panto season is upon us (oh, yes it is) at the Cambridge Arts Theatre – and ***The Guide*** caught up with some members of the cast of ***Cinderella***

KATIE Rowley is a Cambridge girl at heart. "It's one of those places which has a very nostalgic feel for me whenever I come back," says Katie, who attended Hills Road Sixth Form College and whose family still lives locally.

She recently appeared alongside Sheila Hancock and Whoopi Goldberg in the West End production of *Sister Act* but, despite the allure of the bright lights of London, is looking forward to being home for Christmas.

"My family will all be here – I've got three sisters and five nieces and nephews. I think they've got their tickets already!

"It's a lovely thing to be able to do a panto when you've got little ones in the family.

"And there'll be some schoolfriends coming too – and they'll be bringing their kids along too so that'll be nice."

Theatre has always played a big role in Katie's life.

As part of her musical upbringing, she remembers going to all sorts of plays and performances as a child, which gave her the passion for the arts which has driven her career.

"My parents are really passionate about music and theatre in their own different ways – though funnily enough they both had careers in the medical profession," she explains.

"My dad used to be a doctor and my mum was a nurse.

"But we were always being taken to shows and going to see musicals and pantos at Christmas time.

"At school, am dram and musicals were my big passion," she continues.

"I remember when I was 14 and my friend Jeremy, who I'm still in touch with now, his voice started to break while we were doing an am-dram production of *Bugsy Malone*.

"So he did his little dance downstage and I sang his song standing on a little platform upstage. Aged 14, with my brace in . . . " she laughs.

"It was the first time I'd ever heard my voice unsupported by a choir or ensemble. And it was thrilling.

"They say it releases 'happy hormones', and it definitely does.

"It's the best feeling. It can feel like you're flying. I'll never say no to a sing-song!"

Despite going on to study law at university, the experience helped Katie realise that theatre was her true calling.

"It was like I had to go through that process of doing something sensible first, then going, 'no, acting is still definitely what I want to do'.

"I can remember my dad saying: 'You're going to be working for the rest of your life, make sure you do something you enjoy.' That was really good advice.

"You have to take the gamble to do the thing you really love."

Also looking forward to being back in the city is Matt Crosby, who lives in The Wirral but is returning once more to Cambridge – this time with his new daughter in tow. "I love Cambridge," he says.

"I've always said when I retire that's where I want to move to.

"My partner Jo and I talked about maybe taking this year off, but there's just so much of a pull about Cambridge. I absolutely love it."

Matt and Jo welcomed their first child into the world just four months ago, and Crosby Jr will apparently be in the audience to watch her daddy in the first of what will no doubt be many more pantos to come.

"I'm really excited because there are two actors within the company (Adam Price and Andy Spiegel) who I've wanted to work with for a while – they're playing the uglies.

"And *Cinderella*'s the big one isn't it? It's the panto that everyone wants to see."

Last but not least, this year's stage will be given some extra sparkle with the arrival of soul diva Sheila Ferguson as the Fairy Godmother – and after a quick chat with her ahead of rehearsals, *The Guide* can confirm that 'a hoot' she certainly is.

Sheila shot to fame as one third of all-female soul trio The Three Degrees and these days can be seen regularly on the West End stage.

She may be 64, but it seems she'll be putting a pretty sexy spin on Cinderella's voice of reason . . .

"I'm always of the feeling that, when Cinderella gets dressed for the ball, so should the Fairy Godmother – into something slinky and sexy and sequined!" she laughs.

■ **Cinderella, Cambridge Arts Theatre, today until January 15. For all times and prices, and to book, contact (01233) 503333 / *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com*.**

**GLASS SLIPPER TIME:** **Cambridge girl Katie Rowley, second right, takes the starring role in the arts theatre's production of *Cinderella***

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## Wish gone wrong

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*In The Boy Who Lost Christmas*, Crispin Cattermole is a nasty boy who hates animals, people and more than anything, hates Christmas. That is, until the night before Christmas Eve, when Crispin wishes away Christmas – and realises you should be careful what you wish for. Now it's up to him to get Christmas back before Big Ben chimes midnight.

The show starts on December 13 and runs until December 16.

Tickets are £10 (£5 concessions). Contact 0845 196 2320 / *www.anglia.ac.uk/mumfordtheatre.*

## Dickens on stage

A NEW adaptation of Charles Dickens's *Nicholas Nickleby* is at the ADC theatre, Cambrige, taking audiences on a journey from Devonshire to a Yorkshire school, where he meets the cruel Squeers, to the streets of London and Portsmouth.

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Tickets are from £9 (£7 concessions) and performances start at 7.45pm until December10. Contact (01223) 300085 / *www.adctheatre.com.*

## A little girl lost

THIS year's Christmas show at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, is the heartwarming tale of Annie, the little orphan with a big heart.

Starring Su Pollard as curmudgeonly orphanage owner Miss Hannigan, *Annie* promises an impressive set, big musical numbers and a real dog on stage! There'll be more on *Annie* in the next few weeks, so keep your eyes peeled. For full times and prices, contact (01223) 357851 / *www.cornex.co.uk.*

# Ready for the big freeze

**THIS week, a highly creative and original theatre company has transformed The Junction, Cambridge, into a frozen wonderland to bring to life the story of *Hansel and Gretel*.**

**The children's Christmas show is the work of international award-winning theatre company New International Encounter (NIE) Theatre. They'll be adapting this classic German fairytale with their own blend of live music, clowning and storytelling.**

**Director Alex Byrne said: "It's very musical; there are lots of instruments in it which are all played live, and it has a folksy-European feel to it. And it's about different kinds of storytelling – some parts of the story are told directly to the audience and some are acted out and shown.**

**"Another thing we've done, which we've never done before, is to create a magical, frosty forest inside The Junction. So there'll be this lovely, Christmassy, winter landscape which will provide the setting for the show. It's going to look lovely. We've actually had some Cambridge tree surgeons in, delivering big bits of tree!**

**"What we've aimed to create is a Christmas family show, so there'll be something in it for the little ones, as well as for the older children and for the adults. I think it's important to entertain the mums and dads and grannies and grandads as well."**

**■ *Hansel and Gretel,* The Junction, until January 3. Tickets are £11 (£6.50 concessions) from (01233) 511511 / *www.junction.co.uk.***

# Addison returns to stand-up

*THE Thick of It* star Chris Addison returns to his first love, stand-up, with another date of his acclaimed tour, *The Time is Now, Again*.

In it, he talks sport (none of which he was ever any good at), Englishness and Ugg boots, all performed in Addison's own unique, gangly fashion.

Not really one to push issues, he's at his best when he's offering surreal takes on everyday occurrences and moaning, as the English do so well, at the inconsequential.

Schooled in Manchester, followed by an English literature degree at the University of Birmingham, Addison began doing stand-up in 1995 when he won the City Life Comedian of the Year Award.

His first solo show in Edinburgh saw him nominated for Best Newcomer in the much-coveted Perrier Awards, and he continued taking shows to the Fringe for several years.

He gained another Perrier Award nomination for his 2004 show, *Civilisation* and again in 2005 for *Atomicity*.

In recent years, the ever-baby-faced comedian has cropped up on our TV sets in the satirical comedy series *The Thick of It* (taking a similar role for the film adaptation, *In The Loop*), and as the uptight headteacher in *Skins*.

**■ Chris Addison, Cambridge Corn Exchange, tonight, 8pm. Tickets are £20 from (01233) 357851 / *www.cornex.co.uk*.**

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Dolphin Tale (U): Sat-Sun 10.00am
New Years Eve (12A): Fri-Sat 1, 3.40, 6.30, 9.10, 11.45 Sun-Tues 1, 3.40, 6.30, 9.10 Wed 1, 3.40, 6.30, 9.10, 11.45 Thu 1, 3.40, 6.30, 9.10
Puss In Boots 3D (U): Fri-Thu 11.30am, 1.40, 3.50, 6, 8.10, 10.20
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Alvin And The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (U): Sat-Sun 9.20am, 10.40am, 11.30am, 12.40, 2.40, 4.40, 6.40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I (12A): Fri 12.40, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.40 Sat 8.50, 11.40 Sun 8.50 Mon-Tues 12.40, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50 Wed 12.40, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.40 Thu 12.40, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50
The Adventures Of Tintin – The Secret Of The Unicorn 2D (PG): Fri 11.20am, 1.50, 4.20, 6.50 Sat-Sun 1.50, 4.20, 6.50 Mon 11.20am, 1.50, 4.20, 6.50 Tues 11.10am, 1.40, 4.05 Wed-Thu 11.20am, 1.50, 4.20, 6.50
Arthur Christmas 2D (U): Fri 11.10am, 1.30, 4, 6.40 Sat-Sun 1.30, 4, 6.40 Mon-Thu 11.10am, 1.30, 4, 6.40
Hugo 3D (U): Fri-Thu 12noon, 2.50, 5.40, 8.30
My Week With Marilyn (15): Fri-Mon 6.20, 8.40 Tues 8.40 Wed-Thu 6.20, 8.40
Happy Feet 2 2D (U): Fri 12.50, 3.20, 5.40, 8 Sat-Sun 10.20am, 12.50, 3.20, 5.40, 8 Mon-Thu 12.50, 3.20, 5.40, 8
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The Thing (15): Fri-Sat 9, 11.30 Sun-Tues 9 Wed 9, 11.30 Thu 9
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Immortals 3D (15): Fri-Sat 11.20 Wed 11.20
The Rum Diary (15): Fri-Sat 11 Wed 11
Tower Heist (12A): Fri-Sat 10.40 Wed 10.40
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Alvin And The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (U): Sat-Sun 10.50am, 11.30, 12.50, 1.45, 2.50, 4.50, 6.50
Puss In Boots 3D (U): Fri 3.35, 5.45, 7.55, 10 Sat 11am, 1.25, 3.35, 5.45, 7.55, 10 Sun 11am, 1.25, 3.35, 5.45, 7.55 Mon-Thu 3.35, 5.45, 7.55
Puss In Boots (U): Fri 2.05, 4.20, 6.40 Sat-Sun 11.40am, 2.05, 4.20, 6.40 Mon-Thu 2.05, 4.20, 6.40
New Year's Eve (12A): Fri 2.45, 5.30, 8, 8.45, 10.25 Sat 12noon, 2.45, 5.30, 8, 8.45, 10.25 Sun 12noon, 2.45, 5.30, 8, 8.45 Mon-Thu 2.45, 5.30, 8, 8.45
Happy Feet Two 3D (U) - includes short Looney Tunes animated film I Tawt A Taw A Puddy Tat: Fri 1.35, 6.20, 8.35 Sat-Sun 11.10am, 1.35, 6.20, 8.35 Mon-Thu 1.35, 6.20, 8.35
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Arthur Christmas (U): Fri 2.40, 5 Sat 12.35, 2.40, 5 Sun 10.20am, 12.35, 2.40, 5
The Adventures Of Tintin: The Secret Of The Unicorn (PG): Fri 3.45 Mon-Thu 3.45
Spy Kids: All The Time In The World (PG): Sat 10am
The Smurfs (U): Sat 10.10am
Cars 2 (U): Sat 10.15am

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Alvin And The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (U): Sat-Sun 10.30am, 11.05am, 12.30, 1.05, 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8
Puss In Boots 3D (U): Fri 2, 4.20, 6.40, 8.55 Sat-Sun 11.40am, 2, 4.20, 6.40, 8.55 Mon-Thu 2, 4.20, 6.40, 8.55
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## The big film

**PUSS IN BOOTS (3D & 2D)**
**certificate U, 90m**

JOLLY green ogre Shrek and his sweetheart Princess Fiona amassed nearly $3bn at the global box office before heading into the fairytale sunset at the conclusion of *Shrek Ever After*.

All good things must come to an end, except in Hollywood where a single original idea deserves at least one sequel and a spin-off film franchise or television series.

So it comes to pass with *Puss In Boots*, a computer-animated prequel to the *Shrek* films that traces the formative years of the sword-fighting feline before he crossed paths with the pungent ogre and wise-cracking Donkey.

The script plunders familiar characters from nursery rhymes and fairytales, putting a fresh spin on *Jack & The Beanstalk*.

The story begins with the young Puss (voiced by Antonio Banderas) being abandoned at an orphanage where kind Imelda (Constance Marie) raises the kitten as her own.

Initially picked on by the boys, Puss learns to fight to survive and he helps to protect fellow outcast Humpty Alexander Dumpty (Zach Galifianakis).

Many years late, the surrogate brothers join forces with sexy pickpocket Kitty Softpaws (Salma Hayek) to steal magic beans in the possession of murderous outlaws Jack (Billy Bob Thornton) and Jill (Amy Sedaris).

These beans are rumoured to grow a beanstalk which leads to the giant's castle and the greatest treasure of all: the Golden Goose.

However, old rivalries between Puss and Humpty jeopardise the daring enterprise.

Director Chris Miller maintains a brisk pace, exploiting the 3D format in a rooftop chase sequence and a flamenco-style dance battle between the Casanova cat and his rival, replete with slow-motion acrobatics.

Banderas purrs every line with unconcealed delight and sparks fiery on-screen chemistry with Hayek's feline fatale, while Galifianakis milks laughs and sympathy for his ovoid oddball.

The climactic ascent of the beanstalk ensures a slam-bang finale.

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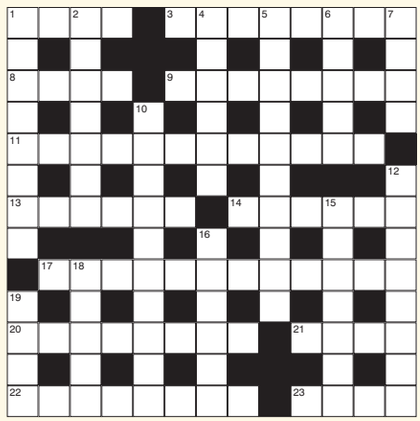
■ Last week's solution.

## Crossword



### Cryptic clues

**Across**

1 Support from the rear (4)
3. Large quantity produced by corporal punishment? (8)
8. At that time in Southend (4)
9. Stop activity when permission to go is cancelled (5,3)
11. In which athletes can expect to get wet? (7,5)
13. Impressed when took industrial action? (6)
14. Such stuff can have importance (6)
17. Literary correspondent? (3,2,7)
20. Currently offensive? (8)
21. Look at a member of the upper house (4)
22. Charge to admit? (5,3)
23. Subdue but make unexciting? (4)

**Down**

1. Nevertheless hair can provide a prop (8)
2. Can reel off arrangements for charlady (7)
4. Get own back for Geneva breakdown (6)
5. Celebrate formation of political group? (4,1,5)
6. So one makes a running knot (5)
7. Seat thus offered to the Football Association (4)
10. Rider in a record event? (4,6)
12. Beforehand, give a helping of jam (8)
15. That's a girl for you! (7)
16. A quick look from the batsman? (6)
18. Concerning sailor away from home (5)
19. Lies about Man, for example (4)

### Quick clues

**Across**

1. Scoff (4)
3. Unreliable (8)
8. Noisy (4)
9. Lovely (8)
11. Erratic (12)
13. Hushed (6)
14. Sum (6)
17. Rebirth (12)
20. Fruitless (8)
21. Italian monetary unit (4)
22. Timetable (8)
23. Coloured (4)

**Down**

1. Numerous (8)
2. Committee (7)
4. Nuclear (6)
5. Lawfulness (10)
6. Tan (5)
7. The Orient (4)
10. Unreturned (10)
12. Norm (8)
15. Usefulness (7)
16. Grit (6)
18. Era (5)
19. Girl (4)

**Last week's solution – Cryptic clues across:** 1 Stethoscope; 9 Raccoon; 10 Radio; 11 Hotel; 12 Resolve; 13 Prompt; 15 Glider; 18 Elusive; 20 Baton; 22 Iceni; 23 Satinet; 24 Stage-struck. **Down:** 2 Tacit; 3 Trollop; 4 Owners; 5 Cares; 6 Paddled; 7 Orthopaedic; 8 Pomegranate; 14 Opulent; 16 Lobster; 17 Versus; 19 Icing; 21 Tunic.
**Quick clues across:** 1 Transparent; 9 Regimen; 10 Verse; 11 Press; 12 Release; 13 Stress; 15 Adhere; 18 Triumph; 20 Strut; 22 Overt; 23 Inertia; 24 Streakiness. **Down:** 2 Rogue; 3 Nemesis; 4 Pantry; 5 Rival; 6 Narrate; 7 Proposition; 8 Deferential; 14 Raiment; 16 Discern; 17 Shriek; 19 Metre; 21 Rites.

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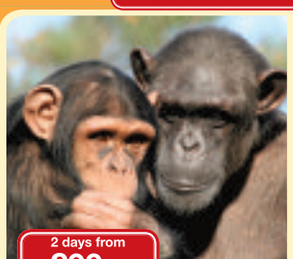

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# Fine line between pine and fir

by Hannah Stephenson

IF you want a real Christmas tree this year you're likely to have to pay more for it – especially if you want a tall one, according to industry insiders.

Imports of trees have slumped because of the falling value of the pound against the euro, giving growers in this country the opportunity to hike their prices.

The problem has been exacerbated by a shortage of tall trees. Last year, growers saw an increase in demand for 6ft conifers, which has left fewer trees to grow any higher. Those who want their tree to be 7ft to 10ft will have to pay more – if they can find one, that is.

The milder weather has also been a problem for growers, as ideally they need a hard frost before they cut the tree because it fixes the needles onto the trees

There's likely to be a price war between DIY chains such as B&Q, which buys Christmas trees in bulk – mainly from Scotland, and is able to offer competitive pricing – and independent growers whose major selling point is the claim that their trees are fresher, having been cut later.

About eight million Christmas trees are bought in the UK every year, with 60 per cent of them being Nordmann firs.

Consumers should be able to buy a 5ft non-drop Nordmann fir, the most popular variety, for about £30 and a 6ft tree for between £35 and £40 from independent growers, says Roger Hay, secretary of the British Christmas Tree Growers Association.

A similar 5ft tree from B&Q will come in at about £35 while 6ft-plus will be about £45.

"Undoubtedly the cheapest source is the grower because there's no middleman," says Hay. Details of growers near you can be found on the website *www.christmastree.org.uk*.

If you're on a budget, you may be better off going for a Scots or Lodgepole pine or traditional Norway spruce, which are cheaper, with prices for a 5ft tree coming in at less than £25, says Hay.

"The pines won't drop. The trees which drop quickest are the spruces but one of the great advantages of going to a grower is that you are getting the tree absolutely fresh, so they should sustain needles for six weeks."

Robert Matthews, owner of the Christmas Tree Farm in Chesham, Bucks, which has only just started cutting its trees, says: "Big stores want to sell the trees from mid-November, so they tend to be cut earlier. The tree market is at its greatest in the second and third weeks in December and we will be cutting on these days, so we are three weeks fresher."

A Nordmann fir from his farm will cost £22 up to 5ft; £34 up to 6ft; and £47 for a tree over 6ft, while his Norway spruces are considerably cheaper, at £19.50 for a tree up to 6ft.

The most important thing to do to keep trees in good condition throughout the festive season is to saw off the bottom inch of the trunk, which becomes blocked with air or sap soon after cutting, and then immerse the trunk in water.

"Buy a water-holding stand because trees will drink three to four pints a day," says Matthews. "Never let the water level drop below the water level of the tree because in a matter of hours air pockets will block the capillaries in the branches and the tree will stop drinking. If it stops taking water it will dry out and needles will drop. Nordmann firs won't drop their needles but they will begin to look desiccated."

Hay adds: "Make sure the tree you buy is fresh. Look at the colour. When it dries out it loses some of its green hue. Stroke the needles and they should feel moist to the touch. Always put it on the ground to assess the size and shape before you buy. If it starts shedding some of its needles it's not the freshest."

Of course, it's wise to shop around. If you're prepared to leave the tree until the week before Christmas you may bag a bargain.

Once you have the tree, treat it like any plant being brought into a warm, dry atmosphere. Keep it away from radiators and other direct heat and keep the container topped up with water every day. You will be surprised how much it needs.

**GROWING PAINS:** milder weather has been a problem for the Christmas tree industry.

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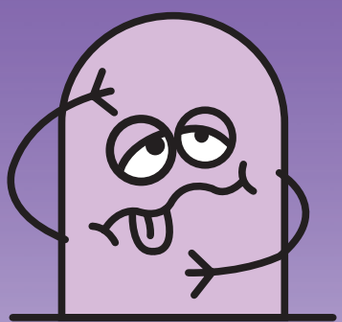

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## SATURDAY

### BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.
11.30 Home Cooking Made Easy.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening session of the second semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York. Continues on BBC2.
4.30 Final Score. This afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.35 My Family. The Harpers have another festive holiday to remember – for all the wrong reasons – in this 2010 Christmas special of the popular sitcom.
6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. The five remaining couples put their skills to the test in two routines as they compete for a place in next week's final.
8.15 Merlin.
9.00 Casualty. Part two of two. Patients and staff filter back into the ED, believing the fire alarm to have been faulty.
9.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. (C) National Lottery Update.
11.45 The Football League Show.

### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Little Robots. 6.10 The Large Family. 6.20 Finley the Fire Engine. 6.35 Bob the Builder: Project Build 6.45 Mike the Knight. 7.00 CBBC: Roar. 7.30 Arthur. 7.50 Dennis and Gnasher. 8.05 Pixelface. 8.35 Splatalot. 9.00 Deadly 60. 9.30 Horrible Histories. 10.00 Who Let the Dogs Out? 10.30 I Want My Own Room. 11.00 Deadly Art. 11.15 Sorry, I've Got No Head.
11.40 MOTD Kickabout.
12.00 The Sky at Night.
12.20 Coast.
12.25 Astaire and Rogers Sing George and Ira Gershwin.
12.35 FILM: A Damsel in Distress (1937). Musical comedy.
2.15 FILM: Stage Door (1937). Comedy drama.
3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British.
4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the second semi-final.
5.30 One Man and His Dog.
6.30 Flog It!
7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Coverage of the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York, where the first player to win nine frames will progress to the final. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.00 QI XL.
10.45 FILM: In the Valley of Elah (2007). Premiere.
12.25 FILM: Heist (2001). Thriller.

### ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 Coronation Street. Omnibus.
11.45 This Morning: Saturday.
12.45 ITV News and Weather; Local Weather.
12.55 FILM: Thunderbirds (2004). Sci-fi adventure.
2.35 FILM: The Mummy Returns (2001). Fantasy adventure.
5.00 Anglia News and Weather.
5.15 ITV News and Weather.
5.30 You've Been Framed!
6.00 The Chase. Last in the series.
7.00 This Is Justin Bieber. The teenage pop star takes to the stage to perform his best-known songs. He also meets stars at Chelsea FC, visits The X Factor and goes on a sightseeing tour around London. Reggie Yates presents.
8.00 The X Factor Final. This year's series finally comes to a close in a live double bill at Wembley Arena. The three remaining acts are trying to win public votes as they perform for 10,000 screaming fans, but at the end of the show the least popular contestant gets the chop, and the remaining two go through to the very last part of the competition tomorrow.
10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Peter Andre.
11.00 ITV News and Weather; Local Weather.
11.15 FILM: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000). Comedy sequel, with Eddie Murphy and Janet Jackson.
1.10 The Zone.

### CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs.
6.35 Offshore Academy.
7.00 Great Ethiopian Run.
7.55 The Morning Line.
8.50 T4: Smallville. 9.55 The Crush. 10.25 Example: Backstage. 11.00 Real Stories: Eminem. 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. 12.35 The Big Bang Theory. 1.05 The Simpsons.
1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster.
3.55 Come Dine with Me, also 4.25, 4.55, 5.25 and 5.55.
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas. First of two programmes in which Kirstie Allsopp applies her craft skills to Christmas.
8.00 Tony Robinson's Gods and Monsters. The presenter learns how people in the past believed demons, sprites and God were to blame for disease.
9.00 FILM: Vicky Cristina Barcelona (2008). Premiere. Two American friends are drawn into a series of romantic encounters by a seductive Spanish artist. Woody Allen's comedy, starring Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall.
11.00 FILM: Double Jeopardy (1999). A woman seeks revenge on her husband for faking his death and framing her for murder. Thriller, with Ashley Judd and Tommy Lee Jones.
1.00 FILM: Unmade Beds (2009).

### CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.15 Fireman Sam. 6.25 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.40 Castle Farm. 6.45 Igam Ogam. 6.55 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.10 The Milkshake! Show. 7.25 Funky Valley. 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.50 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. 9.45 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.20 The Gadget Show. 11.20 Highland Emergency.
11.50 FILM: A Boyfriend for Christmas (2004).
1.40 FILM: All I Want for Christmas (2007). Drama.
3.25 FILM: The Christmas Gift (2009). Premiere.
5.10 FILM: Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus (2004). Comedy.
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 NCIS.
8.00 NCIS.
9.00 Tommy Cooper's Christmas.
10.05 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show. Festive special from 1981.
11.10 Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll: The 60s Revealed.
12.10 SuperCasino.
3.55 Great Artists.

**The Party's Over: How the West Went Bust**
BBC2, Sunday, 7pm.

**The X Factor Final**
ITV1, Saturday, 8pm & Sunday, 1.40pm, 7.30pm.

**Black Mirror: 15 Million Merits**
Channel 4, Sunday, 9.30pm.

**NCIS**
Channel 5, Saturday, 7pm, 8pm.

## SUNDAY

### BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Wolverhampton Wanderers.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Fern Britton Meets Russell Watson.
11.00 Country Tracks. A journey through Argyll; (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.00 The Politics Show.
1.00 EastEnders.
2.55 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson.
3.25 A Question of Sport. With Joey Barton and Rob Burrow.
3.55 Frozen Planet. What rising temperatures will mean for life in the polar regions.
4.55 Songs of Praise.
5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.55 Countryfile.
6.55 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which three couples have made it through to next week's grand final.
7.30 Antiques Roadshow.
8.30 Inspector George Gently.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action.
11.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Miranda Hart guest-hosts (C) Weatherview.
12.15 Sign Zone: Film 2011

### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Little Robots. 6.10 The Large Family. 6.20 Finley the Fire Engine. 6.35 Bob the Builder: Project Build It. 6.45 Mike the Knight. 7.00 CBBC: Roar. 7.30 Arthur. 7.50 Dennis and Gnasher. 8.05 League of Super Evil. 8.15 Jinx. 8.35 Wingin' It. 9.00 Sam & Mark's Big Friday Wind Up. 10.00 Something for the Weekend.
11.30 Hairy Bikers' Best of British.
12.15 Coast.
12.30 Live Athletics. The European Cross Country Championships.
2.15 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York.
6.00 Flog It! Paul Martin visits Sheffield.
7.00 The Party's Over: How the West Went Bust.
8.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Coverage of the concluding session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York, where the players need to reach 10 frames to be crowned champion of the prestigious ranking event. With commentary and analysis by Steve Davis, John Parrott, Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne, Stephen Hendry, Ken Doherty and John Virgo. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
11.00 Rev.
11.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Cilla Black is this week's guest host.
12.00 FILM: Full Frontal (2002). Comedy.

### ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 Monk. Animated series.
9.30 Horrid Henry.
9.40 FILM: Clifford's Really Big Movie (2005). Animated adventure.
11.00 FILM: Black Beauty (1994). Family drama, starring Sean Bean and David Thewlis.
12.35 ITV News and Weather.
12.40 You've Been Framed!
1.10 You've Been Framed!
1.40 The X Factor Final. Part one, from Wembley Arena.
3.40 Midsomer Murders. With Larry Lamb.
5.40 The Unforgettable Larry Grayson. Tribute.
6.05 Anglia News and Weather.
6.15 ITV News and Weather.
6.30 The Cube.
7.30 The X Factor Final Results.
9.30 Text Santa: The Launch. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley host the first of a two-part charity initiative to raise money for those most vulnerable during the festive period. The show promises a range of entertainment and appearances by stars from the worlds of TV, music and showbiz. Concludes on Christmas Eve.
10.30 ITV News and Weather; Local Weather.
10.45 FILM: GoldenEye (1995). Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean and Famke Janssen.
1.10 The Zone.

### CHANNEL 4

6.10 Sali Mali. 6.15 The Hoobs.
6.40 Triathlon. The Windsor Triathlon.
7.30 Adidas Terrex Coast to Coast.
8.00 T4: One Tree Hill. 8.55 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. 11.25 The Big Bang Theory. 11.55 The Big Bang Theory. 12.30 Shipwrecked: The Island. 1.30 The Simpsons. Guest starring Tom Jones. 2.00 T4 Stars of 2011. With performances by Ed Sheeran, Jessie J, Dappy and Pixie Lott. 4.20 The Simpsons. Bart develops a crush on his babysitter.
4.50 Deal or No Deal. High-stakes game show. (T)
5.45 FILM: Elf (2003). Fantasy comedy, starring Will Ferrell and James Caan.
7.35 Channel 4 News.
8.05 The Political Slot.
8.10 4thought.tv.
8.15 Japan Tsunami: Caught on Camera.
9.30 Black Mirror: 15 Million Merits. Dark satire set in a future reality where everyone is confined to a life of physical drudgery – unless they can impress the judges of a popular talent show.
10.50 British Comedy Awards: The Nominations Show. Revealing the performers and shows that have made it onto the shortlists for this year's ceremony.
12.00 Rhod Gilbert & the Cat That Looked Like Nicholas Lyndhurst.

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12.15 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads.
1.15 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers.
2.15 FILM: A Christmas Visitor (2002). Drama.
4.00 FILM: Christmas with the Kranks (2004). Festive comedy
5.50 5 News Weekend.
5.55 FILM: Wyatt Earp (1994). Including 5 News Update.
9.30 FILM: Superbad (2007). Comedy, with Jonah Hill and Michael Cera.
11.50 FILM: South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999).
1.25 SuperCasino.

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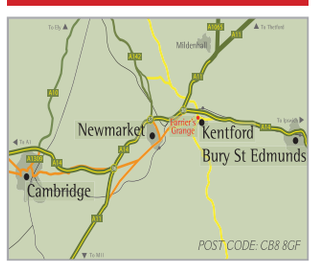


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## SOHAM

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**£800 PCM**

NEW

## LITTLEPORT

**A well presented three bedroom house located in Littleport giving easy access to the A10 and rail station.**

The property offers an entrance hall and downstairs cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room with cooker, washer/dryer, fridge/freezer. Lounge. Bedroom 1 with built-in wardrobe and en-suite, bedroom 2 and bedroom 3. Family bathroom. GCH, single garage and rear enclosed garden. Unfurnished.

**£775 PCM**

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## WEST FEN ROAD, ELY

**A three bedroom semi-detached property in this sought after area within walking distance to the city centre.**

This brand new property comprises of reception hall, downstairs w/c, kitchen/breakfast room with built-in gas hob and electric oven, lounge with french doors to rear, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Small rear garden. GCH. Two parking spaces. Unfurnished.

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## LITTLE DOWNHAM — £1,500 PCM

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## LITTLE DOWNHAM — £1,100 PCM

**A charming 4 bedroom period property located in this sought after village providing great access for the A10.**
This property offers character features throughout. Entrance porch leading to dining room, living room, study, kitchen with built-in electric oven and gas hob and separate dishwasher and utility room. Upstairs provides four bedrooms and family bathroom with over bath shower. Outside there is a garage and driveway. Small front garden and extensive rear mature gardens - gardener provided. GCH. Unfurnished.

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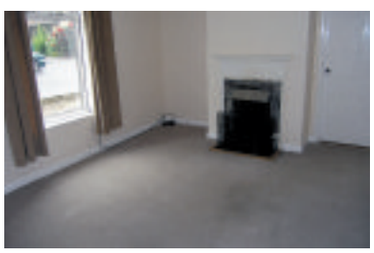

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Available Immediately - Unfurnished

**SOHAM** £750pcm

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- Available 30/01/2012
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**Soham £525**

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- Deposit £875

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- Deposit £975

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Delightful bungalow .
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A modern 3 bedroom semi-detached house situated in a small cul-de-sac of similar properties. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master with en-suite), replacement double glazing, gas central heating, driveway, garage and gardens.

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**Soham** **£289,950**
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**Soham** **£239,950**

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**Sutton** **£400,000**

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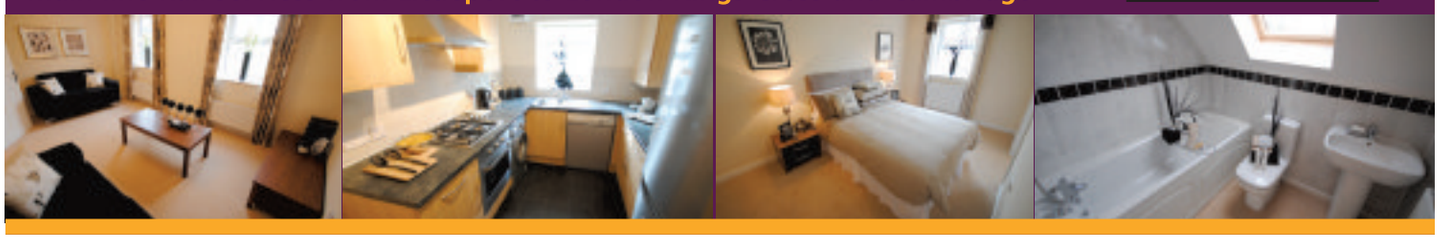

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### MAIN STREET, LITTLE DOWNHAM
**£850 pcm**

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### OAK FARM DRIVE, LITTLE DOWNHAM
**£600 pcm**

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**£575 pcm**

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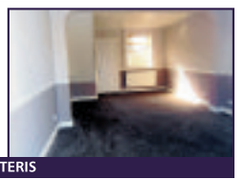

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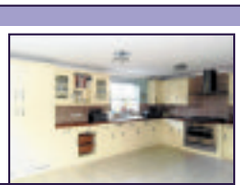

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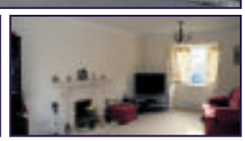

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## Big demand for entry-level used 4x4s

GLASS'S Guide has reported on the state of the used car market going into December, and the focus is on off-roaders as the winter weather looks set to strike.

Richard Crosthwaite, Glass's prestige car editor, says: "As well as the likes of the Audi Q7 and the ever-popular BMW X5, 'soft-roaders' such as the BMW X1 and X3 are high on the list of the most desirable 4x4s around at the moment – particularly diesel and Sport-spec derivatives.

"However, there's a 'sweet spot' for buyers which balances power and sportiness with running costs. If you're selling your 4x4, you'll find people will no longer pay the premium you may hope for big, diesel-engined models, preferring the entry level engine size instead due to the cost of fuel."

Outside of these more specialised vehicles the squeeze on budgets continues even with the promised freeze on fuel duty, leaving many buyers looking for a greener choice.

"In terms of emissions, no matter whether you are looking at a super-mini or a large executive saloon – if it has a low output compared to its rivals, it is likely to be pricier than its less eco-friendly counterparts. Cars which major on green credentials, such as Blue Efficiency, Blue Tec and Efficient Dynamics, are in high demand."

Ever-popular: The BMW X5.

## Ford gets sporty with new Focus Zetec S

FORD has introduced a sporty Zetec S version of its popular Focus hatchback.

Developed specifically for UK customers, Zetec S brings sporty styling with the debut of the 1.6-litre 178bhp EcoBoost petrol engine.

Based on the existing Zetec model, it adds a full sports styling kit including unique front and rear spoilers with lower sill extensions and 17-inch alloy wheels together with sports suspension featuring stiffened springs and dampers, aluminium-style sports pedals, rear LED tail lamps and Ford Power starter button.

The Ford Focus Zetec S is available in five-door bodystyle with estate to follow in February 2012, and is offered with a choice of four engines including the 1.6-litre 178bhp EcoBoost turbo-charged petrol engine, which has a top speed of 138mph, reaches 0-62mph in just 7.9 seconds and emits only 139g/km CO2.

Five-door treat: The Ford Focus Zetec S is priced from £18,745.

Snappy: The Focus Zetec S does the 0-60 in 7.9 seconds.

The 1.6-litre 123bhp Ti-VCT petrol and the 2.0-litre 161bhp TDCi are also available and can be specified with either manual or PowerShift automatic transmission, with prices starting at £18,745.

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The Chevrolet Aveo: From £9,995.

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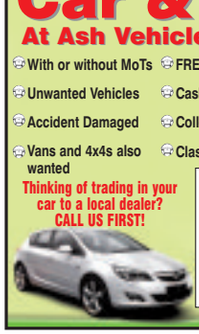

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## » Table tennis

# Slide goes on as Elsworth crash again

ELSWORTH I slipped further down Division One of the Ely & District League when they lost 6-4 at home to Soham Comrades II.
Martin Gray scored a maximum for Comrades and he was well supported by Tony Comiskey, who won two singles and combined with Gray to take the doubles. Elsworth's victories came from Roger Fensom (2) and one each from Joe Thorogood and Owen Davies.
Fulbourn II won their first match of the season 7-3 when both Harris Ryder and Max Schwiening hit top form against Soham, though they both needed fifth-set deciders against Tony Everitt and Neil Abram.
Fulbourn's Jim Reary was playing only his second match of the season, but managed a win against the luckless Jay Johnson.
Ely I continued their winning ways against Soham Comrades I, with Hugo Brown and Andrew Maguire scoring maximums and then combining to take the doubles. Mark Lillyman and Sid Dunster both beat Howard Middleton for Comrades' only points.
Division II action saw NCI marching on, this time winning 8-2 against Ellesmere, whose points came from Aldo Galea, beating both Kelvin Mitchell and Colin Taylor, losing only to Howard Morley. Mitchell and Morley took the doubles in four sets against Rob Boyce and Galea.
Soham Comrades II won 6-4 in their home match against Elsworth II, Mark Sulman winning three plus the doubles with Martin Logan, aided by two singles wins from Logan. For Elsworth, Ed Merola scored two and Stuart Humphrey and Rich Smart one.
Fulbourn III continued their climb up the table with a 6-4 victory at Impington, thanks mainly to Mike Fricker maintaining his 100 per cent singles record and then combining with Tim Hands to take the doubles. Howard Leek (playing up from Fulbourn IV) beat Amy Catlin, but lost to Fred Laband and John Bray. Laband and Bray also beat Hands in their respective singles but could make no impression in the doubles, so failed to force the draw.
In Division Three, leaders Countess consolidated their position by beating Soham Comrades IV by 6-4, while Fulbourn V lost 6-4 to Fulbourn VI.

## » Netball

# Sue's the star

GOALKEEPER Sue Deas was City of Ely II's player of the match as they went down 36-18 in their county league match with MI7 I .
The City team, who are new this season, were not downhearted by the result and look forward to the new year when they expect to have more players available.

## » Bowls

# City teams march on at the double

CITY of Ely's Denny Cup team continued their successful defence of the cup on Saturday with a difficult win over Solihull.

Forced by the challengers to play the match at a neutral venue, the men travelled to Desborough on Saturday morning.

A steady rather than spectacular start saw Ely ahead by eight shots after five ends.

However, Solihull rallied and by the conclusion of the 10th end had taken a five-shot lead and the omens did not seem positive for the holders.

Due mainly to Nicky Brett and Stuart Popple's rinks, Ely's men had pulled the deficit back and led by two shots after 15 ends.

Experience at this level is invaluable and it seemed to count as the team went on to secure the win by 82-67.

**Successful: One of the winning City of Ely rinks in their Egham Trophy match. They are, left right, Andy Easy, Sarah Seymour, Rosemary Easy and Greg Harlow.** CP

Ely now face County Arts from Norwich in the last 16 on Saturday, December 17.

On Sunday, captain Sarah Seymour led the club's mixed team to a win over Kingsthorpe from Northampton in the Egham Trophy.

Wins were secured on all four rinks with an overall score of 86-61. This match was never going to be easy and all four rinks were hard-fought.

At home, Andy Easy, with Maureen Cross, Sue Alexander and Ian Brown, won by 11 shots.

Greg Harlow, with Rosemary Easy, Sarah Seymour and Andrew Ware, won by six.

Solid performances away saw Nicky Brett and Stuart Popple both win by four shots. Next up in the Egham is a last-16 tie against Westlecot from Swindon at a neutral venue on Sunday, December 18

■ The City of Ely Club this week announced the appointment of Michael Platell as club manager.

He will commence his duties on Monday.

## » Rugby Union

# Quartet get among the tries for Tigers

FOUR players scored tries and Sam Benzie kicked the rest as Ely overcame Ipswich YM 36-17 on home soil in Eastern Counties One.
Kieran Kennett, John Dibb, Jon Hunt and Mitchell Kennett all went over the whitewash for the hosts, with Benzie's reliable boot earning 16 points.
The win keeps Ely in fourth place tucked behind third-placed Harwich & Dovercourt, who could only out-score struggling Woodbridge by 10 points.
"We were pretty much in control for the whole game," said Ely captain Karl Hayler, after their winning run was stretched to five league outings. "They came at us a bit, but we coped with it.
"It was more of the same from previous weeks. We're a nice little group and everything's working for us at the moment."
■ Ely Under-11s went down 47-20 to their Wisbech counterparts, who soon had their opponents on the back foot.
The Tigers worked hard, with player of the match Robert Armer, Archie Tarbuck, Ben Storey, Max Hull Josh Smith and Harry Grey all putting in fine tackles, while Aramelia Prothero, Luke Barber and Carl Tuck displayed some good rucking.
Despite this superb defensive play, Wisbech scored some breakaway tries to put them ahead.
A superb run from Jake Wood gained ground for Kallum Mulhall to crash through the defence to score Ely's first try.
Mulhall then charged down the wing to score a second try, before Matthew Melloy sprinted the length of the pitch with Wisbech in pursuit to score a brilliant try.
Melloy also put points to the scoreboard with a penalty and a conversion, but Ely were unable to narrow Wisbech's lead any further.

## » Dominoes

**LITTLEPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE**

**Results:** Crown 10 Littleport Leisure 8, Ex Services C 7 Soham Comrades 11, Hiams 11 Ex Services D 7, West End B 8 Ely Beet Club 10, Plough 8 West End A 10.

## » Football

SOHAM Town Rangers under-18s went down 1-0 to Ridgeons Youth League leaders and undefeated Histon Academy.
After putting in one of their best performances of the season, the Greens were left to rue a number of missed chances as the Stutes left Julius Martin Lane with the three points.
Soham were at their opponents from the start. Cameron Robb and Jim Orvis both tested the Histon keeper, while Jake Cotton's effort struck a post.
The half-time break seemed to disrupt Soham as Histon dominated the first 15 minutes of the second period, but were restricted to shooting from distance.
But the visitors, with their only clear chance of the night, scored what was to prove to be the winner. To their credit, Soham raised their game as their visibly rattled opponents were reduced to 10 men as a player got his second yellow.
The Greens pushed forward and appeared to have strong claims for a penalty turned down on what was not to be their night.
■ Mepal Sports triumphed 5-1 at Waterbeach Blue in their Cambs Mini League, Division 11E match.
Luke Merry gave Mepal the lead, but Waterbeach equalised.

# Young Greens give leaders a major fright

Ben Harnwell's goal and the same player's deflected shot made it 3-1, before a strike from Ben Topping and Harnwell's hat-trick.
■ Witchford Colts continued their unbeaten Cambridge & District Colts League, Division 12B form with a 7-2 win at Chatteris Town.
Max Loker (2) and Luke Nash scored as Colts led 3-1 at half time.
Two goals apiece from Jack Sheridan and Loker then sewed things up after the break.
■ Littleport Town never recovered from a poor start as they went down 6-5 to Histon Hornets in Division 14 C.
Coming out for the second half 6-0 down, Port staged a spirited recovery with goals from Harry Gotobed, Charlie Smith (2), Ryan Woollard and a Max Russell penalty.

## » Roller skating

# Ely contingent's big medal haul

Triumphant: Ely's Ellen Barnes-Weston, Sophie Woodbridge and Lucy Page on the podium CP

**ELY skaters were back on form when competing at the Retro Skating Gala at Great Yarmouth.**
**Winning six out of a possible 11 gold medals for figures, the Ely skaters led the way in the competition.**
**Gold medals for figures were won by Bryony Figgins, Beth Bartlett, Jessica-Ellen Ball, Emily Sellers, Emma Taylor and Sophie Woodbridge.**
**Alethea Mack and Ellena Barnes-Weston won silver and Isha Benefer, Lucy Ure, Chloe Moore and Chloe Thompson won bronze.**
**Newcomer Tammy Sellers won gold for basic skills, while Chloe Thompson and Emma Taylor gave great performances to win gold in OSP and free respectively.**
**James Eavis and Lucy Page won silver for their free programmes, Zoe King and Emma Taylor won silver for their OSPs, while Jessica-Ellen Ball took silver for her take on Grease in the novelty free programmes.**
**Emily Amas and Sophie Woodbridge won bronze for their free, while newcomer Chloe Figgins, the youngest of the Ely skaters competing, gave a confident performance and won bronze in her basic skills category.**


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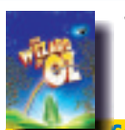
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Double joy for Ely bowlers

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» **Football:** Round-up of the latest news from Julius Martin Lane and the Unwin Ground

# New boy Danny is out of luck

DANNY Matson had an effort disallowed on his debut as Soham went down 1-0 at home to 10-man Maldon & Tiptree on Saturday.

Matson, who has signed from Boston Town, thought he had given Rangers the lead, only for his strike to be ruled out for offside.

The visitors had a player sent off for grabbing Scott Carter around the throat having also just committed a foul on the Soham player.

But they notched the winner five minutes from time from a set-piece, to the disappointment of manager Andy Furnell.

He said: "We dominated the game and we looked like we'd be the side to win it until they had a player sent off and then we took our foot off the gas.

"There was more space to play in when they had 11 on the pitch, but they went to two banks of four and we struggled to get past them.

"They worked really hard and we couldn't break them down and they hit us late on.

"It wasn't a fair result, but they worked harder than we did and we needed to be a little bit more ruthless.

"In hindsight, we'd rather their lad had stayed on the pitch, but when teams go down to 10 men, they get everyone behind the ball and Maldon had a couple of experienced centre-halves and they seemed to know how to keep it tight."

Furnell said he hoped Matson would settle in after being pleased with his contribution.

He said: "He has just come in to help us out, but he did really well and caused them a few problems.

"He's an awkward sort of striker and if some of the other lads had played with his dedication, we'd have won the game."

Soham are back in action at Ilford on Saturday, kick-off 3pm.

The Essex side are currently bottom of the table and it will be a game the Greens will be anxious to win in their quest to pull away from the foot of the table.

**Soham Town Rangers 0**
**Maldon & Tiptree 1**
RYMAN LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE NORTH

Victim: Soham's Scott Carter, who was fouled and manhandled by a visiting defender, who was then sent off.

# City's fine record is halted . . .

**Norwich United 2 Ely City 0**
RIDGEONS LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION

AN unlucky deflection off debutant Lewis McDonald helped see Ely's 15-match unbeaten run come to an end as they lost 2-0 to Norwich United at Plantation Park on Saturday.

A cross that keeper Lee Pacey had covered struck McDonald, who along with Tommy Wright made his Robins bow after joining on loan from Histon, on the back and sent the ball spinning into the opposite corner to give Norwich United the lead in the first half.

The third-placed hosts settled matters with another goal after the break.

Manager Alan Alsop said: "We had most of the game, but it was one of those days when your luck goes against you, as you can see from their first goal.

"It became a midfield battle in the first half, but we had the wind at our backs in the second half and we were camped in their half for 40 of the 45 minutes.

"We had goalmouth scrambles, shots cleared off the line, you name it, but we couldn't make the breakthrough, which was disappointing with all the possession we had.

"I can't fault the workrate or endeavour, but we just lacked a bit in the final third.

"I can't say they deserved the win, but we've done the same to teams this year. It's just a shame the run has come to an end, but I can't fault the effort of the lads."

Ely return to action at home to Woodbridge Town on Saturday, kick-of 3pm. The visitors are currently holding down a mid-table position, and Alsop's men will be looking upon the match as an ideal opportunity to return to winning ways.

» **Swimming**

# Medals and records for Ely youngsters

**A SUPERB performance by 13 members of the City of Ely Swimming Club at the Development County Championships in Peterborough saw them win 13 gold medals,11 silvers and three bronze.**

**They also racked up 12 club records and 31 personal best times. Swimmers took part in a range of disciplines against their peers from other clubs. Coach Elaine Hill said: "Congratulations to all swimmers. Their efforts over the weekend were brilliant. Everyone should be proud of their achievements."**

**The club are looking for new members. For more information,contact Simon Yeates on 01353 659296 or gill.yeates@btinternet.com**

Honours: Members of City of Ely Swimming Club proudly show off the medals they won at Peterborough. CP

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